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LAST COLLEGE CAMPUSES FACE THE SOBERING TRUTH OF BINGE DRINKING CALL

By Kelli Whitlock

It's midnight on a chilly Saturday in Athens and lines are forming outside several of the bars located just beyond Ohio University's College Gate. By 1 a.m., one of the more popular bars is filled to capacity and there's little room for maneuvering.

Sitting at the end of the bar, a young woman waves a cigarette as she struggles to balance herself on a barstool. Oblivious to the hot ash dangling too close to the man next to her, she tries to speak, but her words are slurred. She finishes her beer and orders another. The bartender ignores her inebriated state, places a new bottle in front of her, and she drinks.

It's a scene familiar to Lola Oliver, a senior business major at Ohio University, who predicts what might happen next: The young woman will drink herself into a stupor, probably become sick, fall asleep, and awake to a nasty hangover. If she's lucky, that's all that will happen. If she's not, she may hurt herself or wind up in the company of someone who would do her harm.

There was a time, Oliver says, when she was that young woman, drinking beyond the point of excess and suffering the regrets that followed. The defining moment for Oliver occurred on a weekend in 1994. She began drinking Friday afternoon and was drunk when she and her friends arrived at the first of what would be several Uptown Athens bars. Many shots, beers and drinks later, she somehow made it home and passed out. The next morning, she awoke confused and ill, remembering very little from the night before. Her leg was bruised, her head hurt and her stomach churned. She was sick for two days.

"It was pretty frightening, but I know I was lucky," recalls Oliver, who says her priorities have changed since that experience. "It took me awhile to realize that being stumbling, falling-down drunk wasn't a good way to be."

According to a 1994 Harvard University survey of 17,000 students at 140 colleges, 44 percent of college students binge drink at least once every two weeks. For men, researchers say that means consuming five or more drinks at one sitting; for women, it's four or more drinks.

The number of binge drinkers may be higher at Ohio University: A survey conducted by the Office of Institutional Research released this past fall suggests 61 percent of students on the Athens campus binge drink. The study has its critics, many of whom find fault in the definition of binge drinking. But no one is denying that some students at Ohio University haven't learned when to stop. "When?"

During the fall quarter, 43 Ohio University students were treated at O'Brien Memorial Hospital in Athens for alcohol-related injuries or illnesses. In the 1996-97 academic year, University

Judicialies processed 1,449 cases involving alcohol-related offenses — 79 percent of its total case load.

"The problems associated with illegal use and abusive consumption of alcohol are not problems unique to any campus or, for that matter, unique to the college scene," says Joel Rudy, vice president for student affairs and dean of students.

"Reports of student deaths, injury and attempts to legislate or control illegal and abusive drinking are keeping the focus on what we have long felt to be a serious problem on our campuses."

MAKING THE SOCIAL SCENE

The first step in addressing excessive alcohol use is acknowledging that abusive drinking habits are symptoms of a larger problem, says Stephanie Dorgan, assistant director for health and wellness at Ohio University. Students who drink too much may be suffering from depression or stress, and use alcohol as a coping mechanism. Some succumb to peer pressure, which can be a more powerful influence for students in social organizations such as clubs, fraternities or sororities (see related story on page 3).

Like many institutions, Ohio University has tried several approaches to deter students from drinking heavily, but the problem continues. One reason for the lack of success, Dorgan says, may be that these programs have not tried to tackle the real culprit — a society that accepts and often encourages binge drinking.

At the University of Virginia, seniors participate in the "fourth-year fifth" ritual, drinking a fifth of liquor in one day or night. At Florida State University, 21-year-olds celebrate their birthday with the "Tennessee Water," getting free drinks from bars on Tennessee Street in Tallahassee. And at OU, coming of age is marked by the "Court Street Shuffle," a drink in each of 22 Uptown bars.

National studies suggest that the number of college students who drink hasn't risen in recent years, but some suspect the amount of alcohol being consumed has increased. For most of the nation's campuses, finding ways to reach problem drinkers appears daunting. But it's a challenge Dorgan, Oliver, Rudy and others on the Athens campus have decided to accept.

All are members of the Ohio University Binge Drinking Prevention Coalition, a project that began a little over a year ago to address student binge drinking. Support for the coalition is widespread — members include university administrators and faculty, students, local bar owners, and the president of Athens City Council. Membership has grown from about 20 people to



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A work of art



ABOVE: Museum intern Brian Schauer talks about Native American tapestry at a Saturday workshop for children in the region. **INSET:** Native American weavings at a recent exhibit



The Kennedy Museum of Art at Ohio University opened the doors to its exhibition galleries in October 1996, and today the museum is dedicated to enhancing the cultural life of the campus and region by "providing exhibitions of the highest possible quality and a wide variety of learning opportunities," says Kent Ahrens, its director.

Located in the former central administration building of the Athens Mental Health Center, the 130-year-old structure sits atop The Ridges overlooking the Athens campus from across the Hocking River. Much of the first floor of the museum has been converted into attractive gallery space, and the architectural firm of John Waite Associates of Albany, N.Y., is studying the three unrenovated floors to recommend future improvements.

The permanent collections at Ohio University's first art museum focus on the Native American weavings and Southwestern jewelry donated by the late Edwin L. and Ruth E. Kennedy, and the contemporary print collection. The Foster and Martha Harmon Collection of American Art is on long-term loan to the Kennedy Museum.

Coinciding with changing exhibitions, the museum staff offers free Saturday morning workshops and gallery tours for area schoolchildren.



ABOVE LEFT: A visitor views "Fresh Perspectives," an exhibition featuring art by schoolchildren from Southeastern Ohio.

LEFT: Work by the late internationally known artist Roy Lichtenstein will be among selections from the museum's permanent collection of prints on display at one of several exhibits this spring.



RIGHT: Museum Director Kent Ahrens and a bird in flight at an exhibition by ATCO, Athens County's sheltered workshop, and the Ohio Arts Council

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more than 50 since the organization was founded.

Advocating the responsible use of alcohol, coalition members are working to change the campus environment from one where binge drinking is socially acceptable to one that encourages more responsible behavior, says Dorgan, chair of the coalition. The group meets regularly and exchanges information through an electronic listserv. Ideas have included everything from an alcohol-free dance hall Uptown to substance-free housing to a mandatory freshman class that teaches students to make better life decisions.

"The coalition isn't anti-alcohol," Dorgan explains. "Prohibition has never worked, and we all accept that alcohol is part of our lives. Most people can use this substance responsibly, and that's what we support."

In the past, other projects on campus and in the community have attempted to deter binge drinking, Dorgan says, but unifying these efforts through the coalition will broaden their impact.

That concept is behind several state-wide efforts to address binge drinking, including an Ohio Parents for a Drug-Free Youth committee focusing on binge drinking, co-chaired by Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., dean of OU's College of Osteopathic Medicine. And Rudy and other campus representatives on the Inter-University Council of Ohio are working together to increase awareness about the problems of binge drinking. The IUC represents Ohio's 13 state-assisted universities.

FRESHMAN YEAR CAN BE INTOXICATING

As if starting college isn't overwhelming enough, freshmen also have to adjust to the intoxicating freedom they feel when they arrive on campus. Many are tempted to try new things and find the appeal of alcohol too strong to resist. While the university's alcohol policy is clear about underage drinking — an underage student caught drinking could face a reprimand or, in extreme cases, expulsion — enforcing these rules is difficult.

Much of the drinking takes place off campus, Dorgan says, at private house parties or in Uptown bars. While Dorgan suspects more binge drinking goes on at house parties than in bars, intervening in the private parties is almost impossible.

All bars are required to check their patrons' identification, but students say some bars don't check IDs closely, if they check them at all.

"Underage drinking and binge drinking go hand-in-hand," Dorgan says. "Most bar owners try to enforce the drinking age, but that doesn't always happen."

Taking a tough stand isn't easy for bar owners, but it is important, says Bill Cash, co-owner of the Court Street bar Night Court. In what many say was a risky move, Cash decided to open Night Court to people age 18 and older on Wednesday nights during the winter, offering them a peek at Uptown nightlife in an alcohol-free environment.

He offered karaoke and nonalcoholic "mock-tails" in the upstairs portion of his tavern, while the downstairs bar operated as usual. Although Cash's gesture was admired by coalition members, the event was not well-attended. After five weeks, he decided to take a step back and look at other ways to promote the idea of a nonalcohol event.

"We can't sit back and do nothing," Cash says. "We'd rather be part of the solution than part of the problem."

University officials already have taken several steps to address the binge drinking problem on



Photos: Sam Gorton

campus: The administration no longer authorizes the sale or distribution of alcohol at events open to the public. Other alcohol policies have been tightened. Students have access to on-campus substance abuse treatment programs.

Residence Life has expanded its number of substance-free activities and also plans to promote more interaction among students in the residence halls.

"Students aren't any different than they were 30 years ago. They want to be social," says Joe Burke, director of residence life. "We need to create more social settings on campus, and give them something fun and entertaining to do that doesn't involve alcohol."

Rudy believes a new student center to replace an outdated Baker Center would go a long way toward providing a new social gathering place for students. OU's capital priority list for the 2001-2002 biennium includes \$2.5 million to plan a new student services center.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY PROBLEM

Anyone who's attended college knows that binge drinking crosses campus and community boundaries, and anyone who's tried to prevent the problem knows it can't be done in isolation, says Guy Philips, BA '82, president of Athens City Council and a member of the Binge Drinking Prevention Coalition.

He and other city officials have been criticized for their support of the annual Athens Halloween festival, an event that draws up to 30,000 people. In the past, the weekend party has resulted in hundreds of arrests, most for alcohol-related offenses. To address the excessive drinking problem, event organizers have placed added emphasis on Halloween programming that doesn't involve alcohol, including costume contests, entertainment and food vendors.

But in the end, the success of the effort begun by coalition members may lie in the hands of university students. Coalition member John Dies, a sophomore in pre-dentistry, is cautiously optimistic. If enough people help create a healthier environment, he says, it's possible his 10th — or maybe even his fifth — college reunion will be held on a campus where most students celebrate coming of age with 21 candles, not 21 beers.

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CAMPUS ATTEMPTS TO CURB ALCOHOL USE AMONG GREEKS

By Mary Alice Casey

Some believe the organized nature and traditions of fraternities, and to a lesser degree sororities, have institutionalized alcohol abuse. Others point to efforts by the groups to take the emphasis off drinking, claiming that Greeks by no means own the alcohol problem.

"Alcohol is a very serious problem for both Greeks and non-Greeks," says Ohio University Director of Judiciaries Richard Carpinelli, noting that drinking is a factor in 79 percent of the cases his office handled in 1996-97 despite the fact that Ohio's legal drinking age is 21. "This problem is something more than just a legal liability. There are lives at stake."

The alcohol-related deaths of two fraternity members at Louisiana State University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the start of this school year have refocused attention on the role drinking plays in Greek life. Alcohol-related problems also have touched Ohio University's Greek organizations.

Over the past four years, the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity was suspended by the university for 45 months, until fall

2000, and the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and Phi Kappa Tau fraternity were placed on disciplinary probation for a year after alcohol-related incidents. The Sigma Chi fraternity was given one-year suspensions on two occasions for incidents involving alcohol.

A 1997 survey at Ohio University found little difference in students' views about the role alcohol plays in Greek and non-Greek social activities, yet 96 percent of students said drinking was central to the social life of both male students in general and fraternity members in particular.

Vice President for Student Affairs Joel Rudy says a narrow focus on drinking among fraternity and sorority members misses the big picture. Rudy points to decisions by several fraternities' international boards to ban alcohol in chapter houses as a positive sign. Under international board policies, no alcohol is permitted in sorority houses.

"Greeks often are cited as the major abusers of alcohol," Rudy says. "I think this is unfair and does not allow for a more complete picture, which should include other off-campus housing facilities."

One effort to curb the abuse of alcohol among Greeks on the Athens campus is getting mixed reviews. In September 1996, the Alcohol Responsibility Committee was formed under a program that allows guests 21 and older to bring their own beer — no more than a six-pack — to fraternity house parties. No kegs are allowed.

The hosts, usually both a fraternity and sorority, are required to register the party at least five days in advance and provide a guest list 24 hours before the event. Each Friday and Saturday, peer monitors from the committee visit all fraternity houses.

For violations viewed as minor, sanctions might include hosting talks on alcohol abuse or writing letters informing other fraternities of the violation. More severe penalties, including fines and expulsion, are possible for such infractions as allowing underage consumption or not checking IDs.

Rudy says the policy, like similar ones on other campuses, has fallen short of the university's hopes. He predicts that it will not survive an upcoming campus review.

Despite problems with past efforts, Carole Cox, assistant director of student activities for Greek life, is encouraged by what she sees as changing attitudes among fraternity and sorority members. Chapters are being pushed by international boards to reduce the legal liabilities alcohol abuse poses.

"They're finally starting to understand that it could happen to them," she says.

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across the college green



Contractors dismantle the inside of Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium as work continues on the \$5.8 million project to renovate and construct an addition to the building. Work began in October and is expected to be completed in winter quarter 1999. The revamped facility will include an enlarged stage and orchestra pit, all new utilities, and an open ceiling to improve sound.

Photo: Rick Fatiga

Global Learning Community to give students world view

A Global Learning Community program being initiated on Ohio University's Athens campus this fall will encourage students to apply their studies in an international context, better preparing them for careers in the global marketplace.

More than 40 students have been accepted into the program so far, said Rebecca Thacker, an associate professor of human resources management and director of the new program. Bolstering the experience will be study abroad opportunities; a residential setting that allows students to immerse themselves in international issues and languages; and approaches to learning using new technologies, professionals in residence and collaboration with people around the world.

During their sophomore and junior years, students enrolled in the four-year program will reside in Bromley Hall, an off-campus residence facility at South Congress and West Union streets. The program is open to students in the colleges of

Communication and Business.

"Achieving success in the global marketplace is as much about knowing how to communicate as it is about understanding the fundamentals of business," Thacker said. "That's why this program is well-suited to students in business and communication."

Faculty members participating, besides Thacker, are Anne Cooper-Chen, journalism; David Mould, telecommunications; and Richard Milter, management systems.

President Robert Glidden said the new learning concept builds on the university's strengths.

"Ohio University has a great College of Communication with an international reputation and a College of Business that has been in the forefront of using new techniques and new technologies in teaching," he said. "We have been a leader in many aspects of international education. With our strong residential program, the combination of all these features seems a natural opportunity for Ohio University and its students."

Dean of libraries announces intention to retire in 1999

Dean of Libraries Hwa-Wei Lee has announced plans to retire Sept. 1, 1999, culminating 21 years of leadership that has brought the Athens campus' Alden Library national and international recognition.

Under Lee, who began directing Alden in 1978, the facility became the U.S. national depository for the publications of Malaysia, Botswana, Swaziland and Guatemala, and developed the Southeast Asia Collection into one of the top collections of its kind in the world. It also was among the first Ohio libraries to automate its services.

Lee has overseen the development of the International Librarian Internship Program, which has brought more than 150 librarians to the Athens campus, and helped spur the growth of the library's endowment fund, which increased from \$10,000 in 1978 to more than \$7 million today.

A native of China, Lee was named Ohio Librarian of the Year in 1987 and was awarded the John Ames Humphry Award for International Librarianship from the American Library Association in 1991. He received an Ohio University Outstanding Administrator Award in 1983.

In other personnel news:

■ University College Dean Patricia Bayer Richard is associate provost for undergraduate studies, a new position that allows her to serve as an advocate for the university's 16,000 undergraduate students. Richard, who remains University College dean, said she wants to make certain any administrative or academic decisions take into account the effect on undergraduate students. She began her new post Jan. 1.

■ John Kelbley was appointed interim dean of the Zanesville regional campus in mid-January as the search for a permanent dean continued. Craig Laubenthal retired at the end of December after 16 years as dean. Kelbley has been assistant dean of the campus since 1982.

■ Professor of Journalism Daniel Riffe takes over as interim director of the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism June 1. Riffe will serve a two-year appointment. He replaces Ralph Izard, who is retiring June 30 after a 32-year career at the university (see story on page 9). Former chair of the journalism school at Northern Illinois University, Riffe has been an OU faculty member for two years. Riffe's appointment came after the College of Communication couldn't come to terms with three finalists for the permanent director's post.

Around campus

■ Ohio University's School of Dance made the top 10 in *Dance Teacher Now* magazine's recent ranking of undergraduate dance schools in the United States and Canada. The heads of 1,000 dance programs rated the schools in 12 categories, including reputation, facilities and costs. OU's program received its highest rating in the academic level, surpassing the Juilliard School in New York City, Ohio State University and Florida State University. The school offers a bachelor of fine arts degree in modern dance and choreography. The school has 63 students pursuing either majors or minors in dance.

■ The rate of freshman students on the Athens campus returning for their second year this past fall increased to 84.4 percent, the third-highest level since the Office of Institutional Research began tracking the statistic in 1977. This year's retention rate is up from 83.2 percent last year and up from 78 percent in fall 1986 when the university moved to a selective admissions policy, according to the annual report of First-Year Student Attrition and Retention.

■ Ohio University Director of Media Productions Paul Ladwig and two Athens campus students spent three weeks in February at the Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, helping with CBS Sports' coverage of freestyle skiing events. Ladwig operated a hand-held camera in the venue, where three of four gold medals went to United States athletes. Junior Joe Inderhees and senior Paul Podraza handled equipment and helped with wiring.

■ The university's \$1.6 million project to provide all 4,000 residence hall rooms on the Athens campus direct cable access to the Internet and campus computer network system is three-fourths complete and should be finished by September, officials say. Once complete, the ResNet project will give on-campus residents 24-hour access to Internet and network services at a rate about 175 times faster than today's fastest modems, which rely on telephone lines to provide access. NetOhio, a similar project to wire offices, classrooms and computer labs, is expected to be finished by late June.

■ The Athens campus' first winter inter-session program generated favorable feedback from students who took the courses as well as faculty and administrators. Six of the seven two- and three-week courses held over winter break were filled. About 240 students took the classes, 170 on the Athens campus and 70 on regional campuses through the Higher Education Microwave System. An analysis of the program is expected to evaluate how learning outcomes for the shorter sessions compared with those for regular 10-week offerings of the same class.

■ A \$1 million health and fitness facility is being jointly constructed and managed by Ohio University's Southern Campus in Ironton and the area's River Valley Health System. The new facility is expected to be operational by this summer. The metal structure will include a basketball court, suspended running track, volleyball courts, and exercise and fitness equipment. It will be located across from the Ironton campus near the intersection of Ohio routes 141 and 52.

Clerical, technical staff vote against union representation

Ohio University clerical and technical staff members declined union representation by a 90-vote margin March 4 and 5, marking the third time in 12 years the employees have turned down an opportunity to unionize.

The vote was 354 against representation by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees to 264 in favor of the union. Of the 645 employees eligible to vote on the Athens and regional campuses and at College of Osteopathic Medicine CORE sites around the state, 618 cast ballots.

"Our clerical and technical staff greatly contributes to the university's mission and climate of collegiality, responsiveness and quality of work life," President Robert Glidden said after the vote was in. "The university administration will assimilate the information from the events of this past year to work closely with all of our employees."

University's economic impact ranks third-highest in the state

A new study of Ohio's state universities and colleges spells out just how much impact Ohio University has on the local and state economies.

The university's total contribution to the state economy was \$927 million in fiscal year 1996, behind only Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati for tops in Ohio, according to the study by the Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC). The IUC is a non-profit organization of representatives from Ohio's 13 public universities and two freestanding medical colleges.

As Southeastern Ohio's largest employer, Ohio University's Athens and regional campuses had a combined \$180 million payroll in 1996 for 3,895 non-student employees. Those employees spent \$102.7 million in the state and local economy, and students spent another \$167.8 million.

In other findings, capital spending by the university's six campuses generated 977 jobs, and 373,840 visitors to Ohio University campuses accounted for at least \$8.4 million in spending in the local economies.

According to the IUC, Ohio's public universities and medical colleges had an overall economic impact of \$12.4 billion on the state economy in 1996, including payroll, capital expenses, salaries, students, visitors and other sources — more than nine times the \$1.17 billion in tax dollars the state spent on these institutions.

New grant program funds faculty technology initiatives

Forty-one Ohio University faculty members have begun work on 20 grant-funded technology projects that promise to change the nature of teaching and learning. The projects, involving faculty members from nine university colleges and one regional campus, are funded by a \$922,358 grant from the Ohio Board of Regents.

The grant also is being used to establish a Center for Innovation in Technology for Learning, which will provide technical support for these and other projects that help integrate technology into the educational process.

The Board of Regents distributed \$10 million in funds for technology projects in July, awarding Ohio University the \$922,358 grant. Of that, \$215,000 is going toward Technology Initiative Packages (TIPs) identified in this first round of funding and announced in February. Another \$185,000 for projects will be awarded this fall.

The university is contributing more than \$2.5 million in funds and resources for network improvements, completion of a new compressed video system, and staff to support training and development efforts.

Winter sports roundup: Hockey team is dethroned

Four Ohio University athletic teams challenged for either conference or national championships this winter, but each came up short.

The Bobcat club hockey team lost its bid for a fourth consecutive national title when it was defeated in the championship game of the American Club Hockey Association's national tournament, 5-1, by Penn State in Ames, Iowa, March 7.

The Bobcats were ranked No. 2 nationally heading into the tourney. Led by goalie Brody Danner, they shut out Delaware, 5-0, and Illinois, 1-0, and defeated Michigan-Dearborn, 5-2, before losing to the Nitnary Lions.

After a slow start in October and November, the 'Cats strung together a 20-game unbeaten streak (19-0-1), and finished the season 29-2-2.

The Bobcat wrestling team dominated the Mid-American Conference during the regular season but faltered at the conference tourney March 7-8 at Kent State, finishing second to Central Michigan, 116-66. Ohio was the defending MAC champion.

Bobcat senior Dwight Gardner won at 158 pounds and was named the tourney's outstanding wrestler. Shawn Enright, at 134 pounds, was the Bobcats' other MAC meet individual champion.

In other Bobcat winter sports news:

■ Picked to finish fifth in the preseason MAC media poll, the Ohio women's basketball team won 14 of 18 games and nine in a row to finish 17-1 overall. The 'Cats finished third in the MAC East Division (11-5) and lost in the semifinal round of the MAC Tournament to regular-season and eventual tournament champion Kent, 80-66, March 1.

Ohio senior guard Marlene Stollings finished in the top 10 in the nation in scoring at 22.0 points a game, topped the league in scoring, and earned first-team All-MAC honors. She hit a school-record 10 three-pointers and 41 points against Robert Morris Dec. 30.

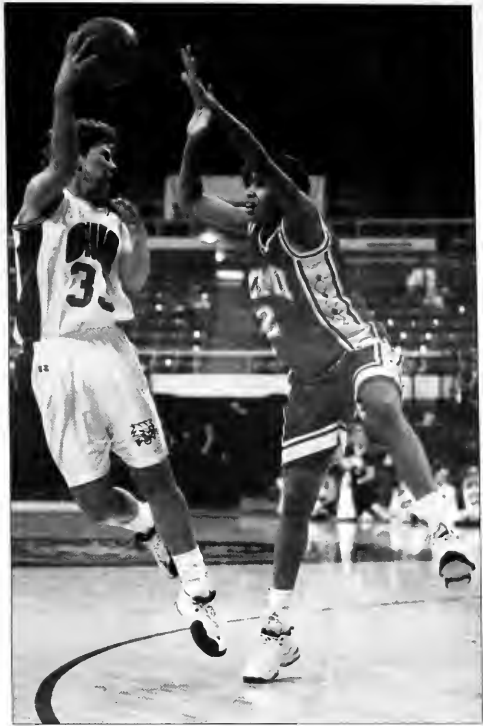
■ The Bobcat men's basketball team experienced a frustrating season, finishing 5-21 overall and 1-15 in the conference. The 21 losses set a school record. Ohio finished last in the MAC East and failed to qualify for the league tournament

for the first time in Coach Larry Hunter's nine years in Athens.

Because of injuries and two key transfers sitting out the season, the Bobcats played most of the season with only eight players. But better days may be ahead, with Ohio State transfer Shaun Stonerock and Wyoming transfer LaDrell Whitehead expected to join the team next season.

■ The Ohio women's swimming and diving team lost the closest MAC championship meet ever to Miami, 70-5-761, on Feb. 28. Bobcat Joanne Park was named MAC Swimmer of the Year after she won three individual events. The Lady Bobcats finished the regular season undefeated in MAC dual meets at 5-0.

■ The men's swimming and diving team finished fourth in the MAC Championships held at the Aquatic Center in Athens March 5-7. Kacy Culver broke the pool record with 522 points in the 3-meter diving event to win the Bobcats' lone individual title. Culver also finished second in the 1-meter event and was named MAC Diver of the Year. Eastern Michigan won the MAC title.



Marlene Stollings, the Bobcats' standout guard, searches for an open teammate and looks to avoid Miami's Shawn Manns in an 84-69 victory over the RedHawks on Jan. 24. Stollings finished as the Mid-American Conference's leading scorer at 22.9 points a game. The 'Cats set a women's school record with nine consecutive victories en route to a 17-11 finish this year. They were eliminated by Kent, 80-65, in the semifinals of the MAC Tournament March 1.

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research notes

Researchers invent faster gene function identification

Researchers at Ohio University have invented a new way to identify gene function in a matter of days, a discovery that could step up the development of cures and treatments for genetic illnesses.

The method may be an improvement over conventional identification techniques, which can take months to years. By using a nonviral gene expression system to inhibit the expression of specific genes in zebrafish, the scientists isolated gene function without destroying the gene, says **Thomas Wagner**, distinguished professor of molecular and cellular biology at Ohio University and a principal scientist in the university's Edison Biotechnology Institute. The research was reported in a recent issue of the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

The technique could be valuable to scientists working on the human genome project, a worldwide effort to decipher the sequence of the genetic material present in the human body. Identifying a gene sequence is the first step to identifying gene function, which is necessary for the study of genetic disease.

"Our system allows us to stop gene expression long enough to study the gene, then it returns to normal," Wagner says. The technique, dubbed a "knockdown" gene strategy, is much faster than conventional "knockout" methods used to identify gene function.

"We're talking a difference between three years with the current methods and two days with ours."

Although 70 percent to 80 percent of the human genome has been sequenced, gene identification is moving at a much slower pace, Wagner says. Using conventional methods, the process can take months or years. At that rate, Wagner says, it could take 400,000 work years — or longer — to identify the function of the 100,000 to 200,000 genes in the body.

The T⁺ expression system used in the new gene function identification technique was patented by Ohio University in January 1997, and has been licensed to Progenitor Inc., a biotechnology company in Menlo Park, Calif. Co-authors of this new study are Yuefeng Xie, a graduate student in molecular and cellular biology, and Xiaozhuo Chen, an assistant professor in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, both working with Wagner at the Edison Biotechnology Institute at Ohio University.



Researcher Thomas Wagner

File Photo

In releasing his findings at a press conference Jan. 15 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Vedder suggested that the best way to reduce the state's inequity among public schools is to increase funding to the poorest districts without a tax increase. He said targeting spending at schools in low-income areas will reduce differences in educational opportunity and provide a remedy to current school funding inequities. The release of the study attracted media coverage from across the state.

The Ohio Supreme Court ruled last spring that the current public school funding method based on local property taxes is unconstitutional. To remedy the situation, the Legislature has placed a 1 percent sales tax on the May 5 ballot. Half of the money would go to schools and half for property tax relief.

"Spending more money will do little or nothing to improve student performances in most districts," Vedder said. "The exception is in the state's poorest districts, where more money needs to be spent to offset very low income levels and high welfare participation."

"Sending state dollars to these districts should lead to improved learning outcomes and satisfy the court."

Joshua Hall, a graduate student in economics, and **Michael Melander**, an Honors Tutorial College student, conducted the study with Vedder. Analyzing test scores over a four-year period, the authors used letter grades to rate 607 school districts in the state based on actual performance on the ninth-grade proficiency tests. The statistical model used to analyze differences includes more than 20 socioeconomic, demographic, family and financial factors.

The percentage of students passing all portions of the ninth-grade proficiency test in the years 1995-96 varied from 14 percent in the Cleveland city school district to more than 95 percent in Oakwood near Dayton. Test scores were particularly high in areas with high proportions of intact families and, probably, a high level of religious involvement.

Research on schizophrenia could lead to preventive therapy

Research shows that some people with schizophrenia suffer a loss of certain high-level cognitive abilities, making it difficult for them to adapt to change. But a new Ohio University study suggests this problem exists long before psychosis begins, information that eventually could be used to create preventive therapy for this serious mental illness.

Cognitive function generally is divided into two areas: basic functions, which govern language, memory and visual perception; and executive function, which enables the basic functions to work together to complete a goal.

For example: A factory worker builds products that move from left to right on a conveyor belt. New machinery reverses the belt's direction to right to left. A person with normal executive functioning may have some difficulty adjusting at first, but eventually will adapt. But for a person with an executive functioning problem, this change in routine is unsettling, and can leave the individual unable to complete the task at all.

In a new study of people potentially at high risk for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders, Assistant Professor of Psychology **Julie Suh** found that executive functioning problems exist before the onset of psychosis, which could give mental health professionals a good indicator of future problems.

"Risk for schizophrenia is not yet clearly defined," said Suh, author of the study. While scientists know that people with a family history of schizophrenia are more likely to have the mental illness, there is no way to know which people within that high-risk group will develop schizophrenia. If executive functioning problems serve as an early warning sign, as Suh's study suggests, mental health professionals can test for it.

Parents can help kids improve speech through reading time

While many parents are aware that reading to young children is beneficial, Ohio University research suggests applying certain techniques can make reading intervention a useful tool in helping some children overcome speech and language problems. The research indicates that children with speech problems can significantly improve their language skills simply by hearing their parents read to them every day. The study was supported by a \$40,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Researchers worked with 14 children ages 3 to 5, each of whom had some sort of delay in their ability to speak or understand words, and their parents. Over a six-week period, parents read two books a day, seven days a week, to their children. At the end of the study, researchers saw a marked improvement in all of the children, said **Helen Ezell**, assistant professor of hearing and speech and author of the study.

Stories on the research ran in newspapers across the country, including the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Kansas City Star*, *Providence (R.I.) Journal-Bulletin* and *San Antonio (Texas) Express-News*. WCMH-TV in Columbus also covered the story.

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Richard Vedder at Statehouse press conference

Photo Mike Ellison

Study suggests targeting school funding at low-income districts

A new statistical analysis of Ohio's public school districts by Ohio University economist **Richard Vedder** and two graduate students indicates that socioeconomic factors such as parental income are more of an indicator of academic achievement than funding for schools.

The Battle of 'Ohio' becomes trademark feud

"Ohio University, Ohio State Battle Over Name," said the headline in the *Miami Herald*. Between October and March, scores of stories appeared in newspapers and magazines across the country on the dispute, including *Sports Illustrated*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The Denver Post*.

On Dec. 16, Ohio State University filed a petition with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to cancel Ohio University's trademark of "Ohio." The trademark, which was granted by the federal trademark office in 1995, applies to what is called a "secondary use" — a use limited to university athletic events, entertainment and apparel.

In an op-ed run by *The Dayton Daily News* and *The (Toledo) Blade*, Ohio University Vice President for University Relations **Adrie Nab** said: "CNN, ESPN, the wire services, *USA Today* and most other national media refer in sports stories to Ohio University as 'Ohio,' just as they call Indiana University 'Indiana,' just as they call the University of Michigan 'Michigan.' The University of Michigan has a trademark for 'Michigan.' Indiana holds a trademark for 'Indiana.' Why shouldn't Ohio University hold a trademark for 'Ohio?'"

Ohio University President **Robert Glidden** noted that the issue is not trivial. "There is a simple principle here. We want to be able to sell 'Ohio' sweat shirts and caps and to have our athletic teams recognized as 'Ohio' — that's our name," Glidden said. "Trademarks are concerned only with secondary meaning of a word. For both 'Ohio' and 'Buckeyes,' the trademarks held by our universities apply only to athletic events and apparel."

Nationwide sales of college paraphernalia totals \$2.5 billion annually in revenue. Ohio State's trademark licensing revenue this year is about \$2 million; Ohio University's trademark royalty revenue is just over \$100,000 with more than half of the income generated from its key trademark, "Ohio."

Prior to Ohio State's challenge, representatives of Ohio University proposed a joint use agreement that acknowledged some historical uses of "Ohio" by Ohio State, including the band's Script Ohio formation and the name Ohio Stadium. Ohio State rejected the agreement in December.

On Feb. 17, Ohio University filed a response to Ohio State's combined complaint to cancel and oppose the Ohio University trademark. Both sides are engaged in a legal "discovery process," and within 18 to 30 months the issue is expected to be brought before the federal Trademark Trial and Appeal Board.

Survey shows African Americans have lost faith in big government

The African-American community still strongly believes in heroes and traditional religious values but has lost faith in the federal government and in its own economic future, according to the latest survey released by the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism and Scripps Howard News Service.

The four-year study of 837 African Americans was released in mid-January to coincide with Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The study, based on eight surveys from 1994 through 1997, was co-authored by Distinguished Professor of Journalism **Guido Stempel III** and Thomas Hargrove of Scripps Howard.

Fifty-four percent of African Americans surveyed believe the federal government is "making your life worse," 61 percent agreed the United States is "headed the wrong way," and 35 percent "believe in conspiracies," including that the federal government allows cocaine to be sold in inner-city

neighborhoods. The survey found that the majority of African Americans had a strong religious faith.

The *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver, *Orange County (Calif.) Register* and the Sunday *Detroit News and Free Press* were among newspapers that ran stories about the study.

University faculty member helps make news in former Soviet republic

An Ohio University professor of telecommunications returned to Athens in mid-December after helping make news in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia for nearly a year and a half.

David Mould, PHD '89, a former British journalist and an OU faculty member since 1980, worked with journalists at television and radio stations and an English-language newspaper. He also taught journalism and mass communication at Kyrgyz State National University in the capital of Bishkek and at nearby Slavonic University.

Mould was in Kyrgyzstan on a Fulbright Lecturing Award originally granted for one year and then extended by four months. Besides teaching a new generation of journalists, Mould volunteered his time with TV and radio stations in Bishkek and other cities, training journalists and advising on the content and presentation of newscasts. He also worked with groups of journalists campaigning to reform media laws and the decriminalization of libel.

Kyrgyzstan became politically independent of the Soviets in 1991. Because of the rigidity of the Soviet system, in which all news was government regulated and spoon-fed to journalists by Moscow officials, changing the approach to news coverage and securing economic and advertising support has been difficult, Mould said.

"We're looking at a part of the world where the whole society is in transition," Mould said. "Certainly from the perspective of a number of people, the development of media and laws to protect the press is crucial to the development of a democratic society."

Also in the news: Aid for Asians attracts nationwide coverage

Ohio University's decision in January to provide assistance to students from Asian countries facing financial difficulties attracted news coverage by The Associated Press and several newspapers, including *USA Today*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, and *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland.

University officials decided to extend tuition and fee payments for students from the four affected countries — South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand.

Students from affected nations saw the cost of studying in America rise up to 500 percent, causing some at Ohio University to drop out and others to reconsider attending. Tuition payments were extended for winter and spring quarter until the end of summer quarter. . . .

Stories in the *The Plain Dealer* Dec. 8 and *The New York Times* Feb. 17 on the rise in the number of osteopathic medical schools and osteopathic practitioners nationwide quoted officials from the OU's College of Osteopathic Medicine. . . .



The Athens News illustrated the intrastate feud with this cartoon Jan. 5. Illustration: Millard W. Draudt

Associate Professor of History **Steven Miner** wrote an essay in *The Los Angeles Times* saying that the Russian Republic is primed to regain the political and military power it wielded under Soviet rule and that the United States will again be its chief adversary. Miner said one major player advocating Russia's re-emergence is Foreign Minister Yevgeny M. Primakov, who adheres to the ideals of the past. . . .

Jeanne Heaton, psychologist with Ohio University's Counseling and Psychological Services, spoke out against top-rated talk-show host Jerry Springer in a Jan. 20 *Washington Post* story analyzing Springer's rise to the top of the ratings. Nearly 6.7 million Americans watch Springer each day. "Some people think it's great to humiliate people, see their misfortune and laugh at it," said Heaton, co-author of *Tuning in Trouble: Talk TV's Destructive Impact on Mental Health*. "We all have to question ourselves: 'Why is seeing someone else humiliated so intriguing?'" . . .

Distinguished Professor of History **Alonzo Hamby** was quoted in a Jan. 20 *Los Angeles Times* story about public perception of President Clinton's character in the wake of allegations of infidelity and cover-up in the White House. In the six years since Clinton first ran for president, the American people have heard so many allegations, stories and rumors of impropriety that they may no longer be able to give him the benefit of the doubt, Hamby said. . . .



David Mould worked with journalists in the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan.

Photo: Rick Fatica

Associate Professor of History **Jeffrey Herf's** new book, *Divided Memory: The Nazi Past in the Two Germanys*, has received praise in several national publications, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Nation* and the *Ottawa Citizen*. The book, published last year by Harvard University Press, examines how East Germany and West Germany had different views of and reactions to the Holocaust and atrocities of Hitler's regime. . . .

College of Communication Dean **Kathy Krendl** wrote an essay highlighting the benefits of distance-learning programs that was distributed nationally by Scripps Howard News Service. . . .

College of Business O'Brien Professor of Management **John Schermerhorn** wrote an essay titled "Back to Basics for Managers" that appeared in the opinion section of *The Bangkok Post*, an international English daily newspaper in Thailand. Schermerhorn stressed the importance of responsible and effective management in the wake of Asia's economic crisis. . . .

in the news

campus MEMORIES

LEGENDARY COACH LEAVES HIS MARK ON BOBCATS' NEW FIELD OF DREAMS

By Eileen Dempsey

For 24 years as the Ohio University baseball coach, Bob Wren taught young men the fundamentals of the game and life. Former players speak fondly of the lessons they learned on — and off — the field.

"Coach Wren was more than just a coach. He taught you about life and how to be a good person," says Bill Toadvine, BSED '71, a Bobcat assistant coach who pitched on the 1970 team that Wren guided to the College World Series. "He worked with you as a person, not just as an athlete. He was an outstanding baseball coach and a tremendous teacher."

"Other than my father, Coach Wren has meant more to me in my life than any other man I've known."

During his reign at Ohio University, Wren, BSED '43, EMERT '82, never had a losing season, and the Bobcats racked up a record of 464-160-6 from 1949 to 1972. Wren's winning percentage of .742 is among the best in NCAA history. He guided Bobcat baseball teams to 11 Mid-American Conference championships and coached 63 players who signed professional contracts, 12 of whom played in the major leagues.

Wren's accomplishments will be honored on April 18 with the dedication of the new \$2 million



Bob Wren (right) and current Bobcat Coach Joe Carbone await groundbreaking ceremonies for the new baseball stadium in April 1997.

Photo: Will Shilling/Columbus Dispatch

without those players nobody would have heard of Bob Wren. They're the ones who put me here," says Wren, who still lives in Athens with his wife of 34 years, Lois.

As coach, Wren had a strict policy with his players: no class, no play. Players who skipped classes quickly found themselves sitting on the bench. That policy paid off for the players, 90 percent of whom graduated.

Three decades later, the lessons Wren taught are being passed along to a new generation of Bobcat baseball players, says current Coach Joe Carbone, BSED '70, the second baseman on the 1970 College World Series team. Carbone, head coach since 1989, led the 1997 squad to the best record in school history at 43-18.

"Coach Wren stressed the pride of representing Ohio University, your family and yourself wherever you go," Carbone says. "He instilled a lot of confidence in us, and he drilled it into us that we weren't going to get anywhere without a lot of hard work. He always told us to play hard and play to win, but to remember that there's no shame in losing as long as you played hard."

Another of Wren's former players is Hall of Famer and ex-Philadelphia Phillies third baseman Mike Schmidt, BBA '72, the shortstop on the 1970 Bobcat team. Schmidt, who spent his

entire 18-year major-league career with the Phillies, says Wren constantly drilled players on the fundamentals. Schmidt mentioned Wren in his Baseball Hall of Fame induction speech in 1995.

"I carried his teaching and philosophy with me in both the minor and major leagues," Schmidt says. "I am a Bob Wren disciple and I always will be. There is no one who deserves to have the stadium named in his honor more than Bob Wren."

"He'll always be the greatest coach I ever played for, and a great friend."

Carbone says he's glad when Wren can attend home games and some away games. Wren has made a practice of stopping by the baseball office at the Convocation Center several times a week to chat or go to lunch.

The 1970 Bobcats posted a 33-6 record and came closer to winning a major NCAA title than any team in school history since. The Bobcats finished fourth in the final national poll and fourth in the College World Series — the Final Eight of college baseball.

"And we almost didn't make it because the university closed down (because of the Vietnam War demonstrations). It was a great year, but it was like a roller-coaster emotionally," says Carbone, who was a senior in 1970. "We were very disappointed that we didn't get to have a graduation ceremony, but we hung in there and still represented Ohio University as champions."

"Coach Wren fought very hard to convince the administration that we should be able to go participate and win the College World Series."

It was a long bus ride back to Athens after the final regular-season road trip to Bowling Green. The team's future was uncertain. It was supposed to host the NCAA regional tournament, but with the campus closed, that was impossible.

"When we arrived on campus, the colonel from the National Guard met our bus on the top of the hill and told us we had half an hour to clear everything from our dorm rooms and get off the campus," says Carbone. "You could hear a pin drop. The only thing you saw was National Guard troops. Nobody else was there. It looked like a ghost town."

After sending his team home for a week, Wren called his players and told them to report to the Ted Kluzewski Baseball Camp in Bainbridge for practice. The Bobcats went on to win the NCAA regional, which was moved from Athens to Columbus.

In its first College World Series game in Omaha, Neb., OU defeated the heavily favored University of Southern California, 4-1. Southern Cal eventually won the series, and the Bobcats won two of their four games.

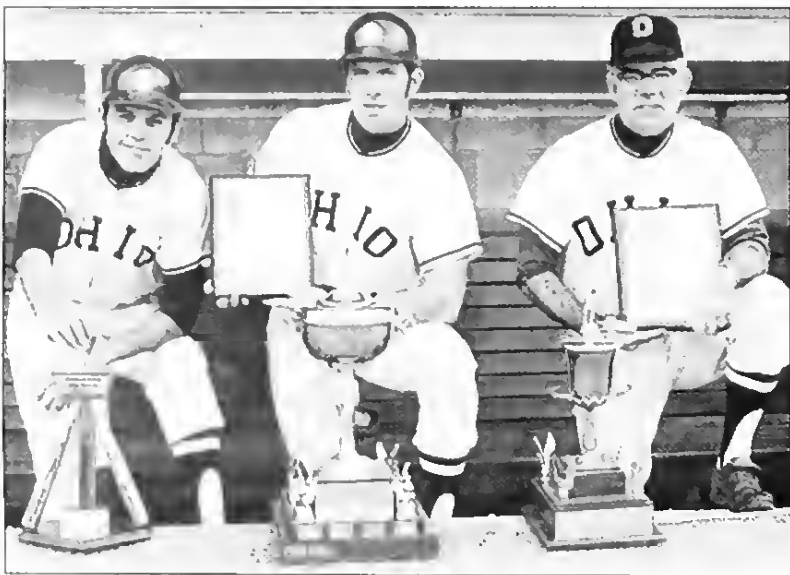
After retiring as Bobcat coach, Wren worked in the minor leagues for the Philadelphia Phillies, New York Yankees and Pittsburgh Pirates. In 1975, he returned to the Athens campus and began a 16-year stint in the Admissions Office. He worked from September through February recruiting students, and then spent spring and summer coaching in the minor leagues.

"It was the best of both worlds," says Wren, who is battling cancer. "Working in the Admissions Office was kind of an extension of coaching because I was visiting schools and recruiting students."

"Bob knew the university and he could articulate the opportunities Ohio University had to offer students, not only from baseball, but from academics, too," says Tim Kirkpatrick, BSED '67, associate director of admissions and a friend of Wren's. "He has a genuine concern for people and their futures. Bob likes to talk, but he is also a great listener."

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Eileen Dempsey, BSJ '90, lives in Upper Arlington. She is a features writer for The Columbus Dispatch.



1970 All-Americans Mike Hannah (left) and Mike Schmidt pose with Coach Wren and championship trophies.

File photo

Bob Wren Stadium. Last year, the university's Board of Trustees voted to name the new stadium for Wren, '77, who was a student-athlete, coach and administrator on the Athens campus.

The 1,500-seat stadium is part of a new athletics mall west of the Convocation Center. The baseball facility, which had been located at the northeast corner of Richland Avenue and South Green Drive, was moved to make room for the renovation and expansion of Grover Center to house the College of Health and Human Services.

"I dedicate this honor to my family and to all the great players who played for me, because

END OF AN ERA

Izard's retirement spells a new chapter for journalism school

By Bill Estep

Ralph Izard joined the Ohio University journalism faculty 32 years ago thinking he would stay four or five years and then move on.

But a funny thing happened along the way. Izard and his wife, Janet, soon felt at home in Athens and academic life began to agree with the former newspaper man. Izard enjoyed teaching, working with students, advising the campus newspaper staff, and being part of a journalism tradition on the rise.

Fast forward to 1998. Izard, now 59, is in Columbus in early March at an alumni reception in his honor. It's the first of four such alumni banquets scheduled this spring in recognition of his June 30 retirement, a departure that culminates a 12-year run as director of the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism. The others will take place in Chicago, New York City and Washington, D.C.

Some are calling it The Izard Farewell Tour. Call it what you want, but it's clear that few Ohio University administrators have stepped aside and left such an impressive trail of praise.

If the Scripps School was already on the national map before he took over as director, Izard reminded the country of its location, say alumni and journalism educators.

"Ralph Izard is a real leader, and he's been very, very active in trying to make Ohio U. a leader in our industry," says Clarence Page, BSJ '69, Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist for the *Chicago Tribune* and a former student of Izard's. "Ohio U.'s journalism school is now known by media professionals from New York to LA and especially in Washington. I attribute a lot of that to Ralph Izard."

Jay Black, MS '66, agrees. "Some programs have lived on past glories, but OU's program has remained very, very solid. And the key to that is the fact that Ralph is equally at home with the media and reporters as he is with CEOs and the academic community. That's a rare quality," says Black, a nationally known media ethics specialist and the Poynter-Jamison Chair in Media Ethics and Press Policy at the University of South Florida. "OU had a good program, but what's been critical to them getting better is that Ralph has hired good people and hired diversity. There's an energy there now."

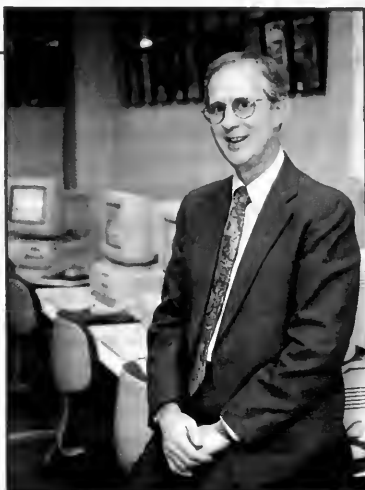
Izard calls the attention focused on his departure "enormously awkward." He prefers to shift the credit for the school's rise to national prominence to a journalism faculty of leading researchers, authors and national award-winners; strong leadership in the 1960s and beyond; and loyal alumni who can be found in key slots at newspapers, magazines, broadcast stations, and public relations and advertising agencies from coast to coast.

"I've given some leadership and I went out and raised some money, but no program grows on the strength of one person's shoulders," Izard says. "We have a faculty in this school that has reached out nationally and internationally."

"Bob Stewart has enormous contacts with CNN. Mike Bugeja, Joe Bernt and Pat Westfall have major contacts within the magazine industry. And there are others who can pick up the phone and call major professional contacts. Dea Evans knows everybody in Washington. Anne Cooper-Chen has tremendous contacts in Southeast Asia."

Izard says the late John Wilhelm arrived on campus in 1968 as School of Journalism director with strong national contacts. Wilhelm became founding dean of the College of Communication later in 1968 and held the post until 1981.

"Wilhelm really began enhancing the national



Ralph Izard in Baird Graphics Lab in Scripps Hall

Photo: Rick Fatica

reputation of the school, and when Guido Stempel became director (1972-'79 and again in 1986) . . . he was one of the most respected academicians in the country. The work he did strengthened this school's national reputation academically."

Yet many agree that Izard guided the Scripps School to a higher level of national prominence and academic achievement. On his watch, the faculty, student honors program, and broadcast and electronic publishing areas expanded, international programs and fund-raising efforts increased, and academic standards and job placement improved.

The Scripps School's undergraduate sequences consistently have ranked in the top 10 nationally and, two years ago, *U.S. News & World Report* rated the school's graduate programs in print journalism, public relations and broadcast news among the country's top 10 as well.

"I have to give the credit to Wilhelm for getting the school out there in the national spotlight, but my experience around the country by talking with other journalists is that Ralph has carried Ohio U.'s name to a new level of respect," says Page.

During Izard's tenure, the school raised nearly \$5 million to support three endowed journalism chairs, a full-time professorship in public relations, and visiting professionals. And the school's academic entrance requirements have steadily increased since Scripps was among the first on campus to adopt a selective admissions policy in 1986.

According to the Admissions Office, more than 600 freshmen have applied for admission to the school next fall for 175 slots. This winter quarter, the school had 444 undergraduates enrolled in its five sequences and the Honors Tutorial College, and 44 master's and Ph.D. students.

"One of the things I'm most proud of is that very early in my term as director, this faculty set up a system whereby we reduced the enrollment of the school, increased standards and, I believe, improved the quality of instruction significantly," says Izard, a former reporter and editor at the *Charleston (W.Va.) Daily Mail* and The Associated Press.

Izard says he is equally proud of "the growing scholarly reputation of the school" and its faculty. He credits Pat Washburn, director of the graduate program, for doing a "marvelous job of stimulating" the master's and Ph.D. programs. OU graduate students annually rank among the top in the country in number of student papers presented at conferences and meetings.

Fellow faculty credit Izard's aggressive fund-raising approach and his personal interest in beginning several new international programs for much of his success as director. Journalism faculty are involved in research, consulting and student and faculty exchange projects in Germany, Southeast Asia, Japan, Russia, Denmark, Wales, Scotland, The Netherlands and the South Pacific. The Sing Tao Center, new home to the school's Institute for International Journalism, opened across the street from Scripps Hall last year.

"We had faculty going one or two quarters at a time to Asia or Africa before, but Ralph picked up the ball and ran with it," says Professor of Journalism Don Lambert, a 31-year OU faculty member and close friend of Izard's. "He's been all over the world on behalf of the school."

Stempel, who retired from teaching fall quarter after a 33-year OU career, says Izard was adept at responding to the direction the university was moving over his 12 years as director. "Izard has done an enormous amount and been tremendously successful as a fund-raiser," Stempel says. "He had an excellent program to sell, and he did an excellent job of selling it."

Professionally, Izard has remained active in national organizations and has accumulated a Rolodex full of national contacts. He currently is editor of the national *Newspaper Research Journal*, and is a former president of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication. In 1981, he was awarded the national Wells Memorial Key for his longtime involvement with the Society of Professional Journalists.

One testament to Izard's national reputation is his new position as a fellow at the Freedom Forum, a non-partisan international foundation dedicated to freedom of the press issues. Beginning in July, he will serve a two-year term in New York City as coordinator of the forum's new International Consortium of Universities to stimulate research and dialogue. Izard will take advantage of a university retirement option to return to campus and teach one quarter a year.

In the meantime, Daniel Ruffe, a former director of the journalism school at Northern Illinois University and an OU faculty member for two

years, has been named interim director of the Scripps School for a two-year period.

While some OU journalism alumni wonder what the future holds — especially during a time of high faculty turnover because of retirements — Izard believes the Scripps School will continue to build on its strong tradition.

"I am concerned about the focus of journalism education overemphasizing the theoretical orientation over the practical, professional side," Izard says. "But I see no warning signs that the Scripps School is moving in that direction."

"I think we'll continue to be an example of a top-flight journalism program that gives students a good, solid, well-rounded liberal arts education that focuses on communication skills and job placement."

Bill Estep is editor of Ohio University Today

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THIS VIETNAM TOUR ONE OF PEACE, HEALING



By Dwight Woodward

U.S. Army veteran Dave Garrod's healing process reached a comforting level in January when he awoke back in Vietnam, nearly 10 years after he'd left the war-torn country.

"That first morning I rose early and went to a small pond and listened and smelled and watched the city wake up," Garrod says. "In my mind, I remember Vietnam as war. But I realized this was a country at peace, and I felt that peace."

Garrod, BA '72, and five other Vietnam veterans joined a production team from Ohio University's Telecommunications Center in a journey to Vietnam to commemorate and document the 10th anniversary of the Tet Offensive, which began on Jan. 31, 1968. Historians cite the surprise attack by the North Vietnamese on South Vietnam's largest cities and provincial capitals as the pivotal battle of the war, turning American public opinion against further U.S. military involvement.

A first-ever collaboration between Vietnam Television and a U.S. television crew will tell the story of Garrod, and how he survived one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War and returned to years later to make peace with himself and his former enemies. Ohio University's Telecommunications Center hopes to distribute the documentary to the national Public Broadcasting System and cable networks once it is completed this summer.

"I'm trying to tell Dave's story and the story of sorrow and pain of people lost on both sides of the war," says Blis Hanousek, producer of the project. "Hopefully, it will ring a bell with other veterans."

"Tet '68 Vietnam Remembered" will document how Garrod and his fellow veterans returned to former enemy's soil to find the Vietnamese people greeting them with open arms and smiles.

"I was shaking this man's hand and he was missing two to three fingers. He had fought for the Vietnamese guerrillas, but he put his left hand over our clasped hands like it was OK," says Garrod, now an insurance agent in Athens.

Also featured in the documentary will be O.U.'s Marjorie Nelson, M.D., an associate professor of natural medicine in the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Nelson, in Vietnam with the Quaker Service, was captured by the North Vietnamese and briefly imprisoned. The Quaker Service offered medical care to the wounded during the war.

For Garrod and his friends, the trip to Vietnam proved to be a catharsis, a return to the land where many psychological scars were born.

"I really think I unconsciously blocked the war memories out, the good and the bad," Garrod says.

Garrod, 35, was drafted into the Army and in 1966 was sent to Vietnam, where he drove a personnel carrier mounted with machine guns for the 1st Squadron of the 4th Armored Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division.

"For the first eight months, we were mostly involved in escorting convoys, which was actually pretty routine and boring, until we responded to

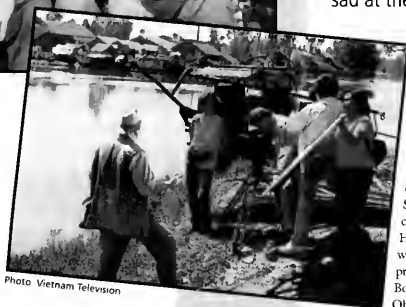


Photo Vietnam Television

TOP: (Left to right) Soldiers Dave Garrod, Ed McKenna and Joe Carlton two months before the Tet Offensive. ABOVE: A combined OU-Vietnamese video crew prepares to interview vet Andy Gerrie.

the attack on Tan Son Nhut airport near Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City)," Garrod says. "We lost 14 guys on the first day of the Tet. There were fire-fights every day after that."

By the middle of February 1968, U.S. forces had forced the North Vietnamese to flee, but skirmishes continued until Garrod's tour of duty ended in April. Garrod returned to the United States and served six more months in the Army before returning to his hometown of Columbiana in Eastern Ohio, where he worked to earn money for college. He returned to classes in Athens summer quarter of 1970 when the university reopened after war protests failed to close in the spring.

Garrod completed his undergraduate degree in history, settled in Athens, began selling insurance for State Farm, married and had two children. His son Matthew, 23, accompanied him on his January trip to Vietnam.

Garrod did not initially join veterans' groups when he returned to the States, but eventually he became interested in finding friends Ed McKenna, Joe Carlton and others who served with him. So he decided in 1987 to join a veterans' chapter for members of his squadron.

He eventually ran an advertisement in a veterans magazine, looking for his friends. The ad led to interviews of Garrod by authors of two books on the war, *Red Thunder*, *Tropic Lightning* and *The Battle for Saigon: Tet '68*. He was mentioned in both.

The interviews were instrumental in his decision to return to Vietnam. Garrod chose the 10th anniversary of the Tet because he wanted to honor the dead from both sides of the conflict. While Americans remember the Tet as the day the North Vietnamese blitzkrieg began, Tet is the traditional Vietnamese holiday for honoring ancestors.

Last May, Garrod approached Marvin Bowman, executive producer at the Telecommunications Center, about his plans to return to Vietnam. Bowman agreed to produce the documentary.

Garrod's idea of having a memorial service on

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— DAVE GARROD, BA '72

the anniversary of the Tet interested the five veterans of his former squadron who accompanied him. Athens resident Lady Borton, who was in Vietnam during the war with the Quaker Service and has returned periodically to work with the service, put Hanousek and Garrod in touch with Vietnam Television during a preliminary trip in December. Borton also helped arrange visas for Ohio University's video crew, including videographer Helge

Kirkhus and School of Telecommunications sound recordist Jeff Redeker.

The ceremony near the Tan Son Nhut airport included Vietnamese civilians and former Viet Cong. Prayers, readings and poems for the dead were read, says Garrod, who recited "Call to Wandering Souls," a Vietnamese funeral oration.

Andy Gerrie, a friend of Garrod's from the war who now lives in Las Vegas, didn't think twice about returning to Vietnam in January. "I'm a lot more at peace with myself since then and I'm just tremendously energized," he says. "While I was there, my anxiety, some of the fears, continued to change. It was one of the top events of my life."

The documentary portrays the dramatic emotional transformation in the veterans during their weeklong stay in Vietnam, Hanousek says.

"For me, going back to Vietnam with Dave was amazing because I saw this apprehension — this fear — leave his body, and by the time we left he was a new person," Hanousek says. "I want to show this process so that other veterans who have reached a point in their lives where they want to heal themselves may see the film and consider going back to Vietnam."

A Columbus Dispatch story on the documentary produced interesting results — Garrod found his old friends McKenna and Carlton. A person who read the story contacted McKenna, now of Lake Worth, Fla., and told him Garrod was looking for him. McKenna placed a call to his buddy. Another reader who wanted to help bring about a reunion did a World Wide Web search for "Joe Carlton" and turned up several people by that name. She wrote to each person, one of whom turned out to be the veteran's son. He called his father, and Carlton contacted Garrod. The three friends plan to reunite this spring.

"For me, this documentary is putting a period on the end of a sentence," Garrod says. "What I'm trying to struggle with is how to be proud of something and still sad at the same time. We all carry our baggage in different ways."

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Fulfilling a promise

By Gary Snyder

In his Luo tribal language, "broad shoulders" translates to "gok maduong." Throughout his life, Benson Bonyo's gok maduong have borne the weight of extreme poverty, personal tragedy and an environment that nearly guaranteed failure in his native Kenya. Yet, amid the adversity, Bonyo saw "geno," or hope.

Hope triumphed in the seemingly impossible journey of Bonyo — a fourth-year student in the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine — when he led a 28-member health care and research team from the university on a four-week expedition to Western Kenya in December. The group, named SHARE Kenya — for Student Health Assistance Rural Experience — provided medical care at Aga Khan Hospital in Kisumu and at a rural clinic in Ahero near Wangaya, the village where Bonyo grew up.

SHARE Kenya consists of OU-COM faculty, nurses, medical students and pre-medical students, and researchers from Ohio University's Tropical and Geographical Disease Institute.

The SHARE Kenya members braved floods, a cholera outbreak and a nationwide nursing strike during their stay in the East African nation. The strike three days before the group arrived shut down public hospitals in Kenya and increased the need for medical caregivers. The group was warmly received in the rural area of Ahero, where the majority of OU's medical students and doctors were stationed. On a typical day, the team at the Ahero clinic saw 250 to 300 patients, some of whom had walked for hours.

Heavy rains and flooding forced thousands of Kenyans from their homes, causing the outbreak of cholera — an acute diarrheal disease resulting from poor sanitation and contaminated water. Cholera strikes quickly and brings severe dehydration, which can cause death within hours if fluids are not restored. Many cholera patients were treated successfully by the group. The disease was too advanced in one young girl, who died at the clinic.

The group treated patients with a variety of other serious illnesses, including malaria (which causes more than 25 percent of all Kenyan deaths), tuberculosis, measles, HIV/AIDS, parasitic diseases, pneumonia, and pediatric diseases such as diarrhea and malnutrition. The infant mortality rate in the region's villages is more than 60 percent.

The SHARE Kenya team met with Kenyan health care officials to establish clinical rotation agreements for OU-COM students in Kenya and to discuss physician exchange opportunities. Bonyo and the osteopathic college plan to develop an ongoing educational relationship with Kenyan hospitals and clinics, and hope the SHARE Kenya trip becomes an annual event. Bonyo and several medical students first visited Kenyan medical facilities in 1994.

OU-COM officials say these experiences give students a deeper appreciation for the role culture plays in health care, as well as a first-hand understanding of medical problems in a Third World country where an estimated 70 percent of the population lacks access to or the means to afford adequate health care.

One example was a 9-year-old boy who arrived at the clinic with a serious infection and abscess in his thigh. The child required surgery to save the leg and his life — treatment his family could not afford, according to OU-COM Assistant Professor of Surgery and team member Regine Neptune-Ceran, D.O. '88. The SHARE team contributed more than \$600 to offset the child's surgery and medical expenses. They also brought 21 boxes of donated medical supplies and medications from U.S. companies and hospitals that were given free to patients.

OU-COM student leads health care team to Kenya, giving hope to country in need



ABOVE: Benson Bonyo and Regine Neptune-Ceran, D.O. '88, walk to the Ahero Clinic in rural Kenya. LEFT: Third-year OU-COM student Mary Willy received a live chicken and rice from an appreciative mother whose baby she delivered.

Photo: Gary Synder



Photo: Natalie Polinko

BONYO'S LIFE 'A MIRACLE FROM GOD'

As Bonyo walked through the streets of rural Ahero clad in his blue hospital scrubs, looks of joy and pride appeared on the faces of those he passed. To most residents of Luo, it's a fantasy: a native son who somehow broke through the taut web of poverty and geographic isolation, made it to America to study medicine, and managed to bring 27 of his colleagues from Ohio back to Kenya with him.

But to Bonyo, it's nothing short of a "hono mar Nyasaye" or "miracle from God."

"Even now when I look back, I don't know how I did it," Bonyo says of his improbable sojourn. "Growing up, we were very, very poor — it wasn't unusual for us to go without food. We didn't have money, but my mother and father always taught us to use what we did have, which was prayer. Despite our poverty, they encouraged me to pursue whatever dream I had because God would help and some miracles would happen."

Bonyo grew up in a village of farmers with an average income of \$100 a year. The highest education level attained by anyone in his 100-member extended family was sixth grade. He received a full-tuition scholarship to attend Northwood Community College in Texas, and he raised the money for air fare to the United States by bicycling door to door around his village for months. He went on to graduate from the community college and then the University of Texas before beginning medical school at OU-COM.

SISTER'S DEATH LEFT LASTING IMPACT

For Bonyo, the trip to Kenya helped fulfill a promise he made to himself nearly three decades ago when he saw his 9-month-old sister die of dehydration in his village.

"I can still see her face, her pain," he says. "She died because we could not travel to or afford to go to the hospital. I felt if there was a way I could help prevent needless deaths like that of my sister's, I would do it. During our work in Ahero, it felt good to make a difference and be able to give these kids

the kind of care my sister did not have.

"Most deaths in our villages occur because people can't make it to a hospital in time or they can't afford it. I would like to build a hospital because it would serve thousands of people and help save many lives."

Bonyo says the SHARE Kenya group members can apply what they learned to any underserved population, whether in Ohio or Africa. He says they left a lasting impression on the Ahero community.

"I was sitting with a couple of my dad's friends under a shade tree near our home that's like our meeting hall," Bonyo says. "One of the elders said, 'I don't know America at all, but these Americans must be special people to come all this way to take care of our people.'"

"The SHARE Kenya group is made up of special people. To travel thousands of miles to help any way they could and to face hardships they've never faced, it's amazing to me. Seeing medical students, doctors and nurses from the U.S. in my village was like a dream to me.

"People on the streets of Ahero have told me they feel we are like angels sent from God to help them."

For Jaunita Hongo, medical director of the Ahero Clinic, seeing Bonyo return home proves some dreams do come true.

"Bonyo is a son of this soil," she says. "We are very much proud of him because most of our parents believe that once our children go abroad, they never come back. But Bonyo came back to help and came with doctors so that we can interact and learn more about each other. We hope God may help him bring more doctors in the future."

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Bonyo is expected to receive his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from OU in June. The SHARE group has pledged to raise the funds so his father can make his first trip to America to see his son graduate. Gary Snyder, BSJ '86, associate director in OU-COM's Communications Office, accompanied the SHARE team to Kenya.



OU-COM Associate Professor Daniel Marazon, D.O., treats an infant with a fever.

Photo: Gary Synder

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Leona Hughes' generosity reaches a new level

Leona Hughes, BSED '30, said her late husband would have been proud of the scholarships she established in his memory for graduates of Oak Hill High School in Jackson County in Southeastern Ohio.

"I know he would be very proud to be able to help provide an education for Oak Hill students, an opportunity he never had," Hughes said.

The Ohio University Foundation announced in February that two new endowment funds have been established by Hughes-Burnett Inc. of Sarasota, Fla. Leona Hughes is president of the company and an Oak Hill High School graduate. Hughes-Burnett contributed \$400,000 to endow two Manasseh Cutler Scholarships and \$200,000 for two tuition scholarships.

Starting fall quarter 1999, the Leona and Lewis Hughes Cutler Scholars Award will be presented every other year to an Oak Hill High School graduate enrolling at Ohio University. The Cutler Scholars Program, a four-year undergraduate merit scholarship program modeled after the Rhodes Scholars of Oxford University, emphasizes development of leadership potential.

Starting in the fall of 1998, two other Hughes scholarships will cover tuition and fees for Oak Hill High School graduates attending Ohio University. The scholarships will be awarded every four years based on financial need and academic promise and

will be renewed for succeeding years if academic standards are maintained.

The late Lewis Hughes grew up in nearby Gallia County and attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. Following the death of his father, Lewis assumed family responsibilities that precluded continuing his formal education. The owner of several Dodge-Plymouth car dealerships in the Cleveland area, he retired in 1950 and moved the company to Sarasota.

Leona Hughes became president of Hughes-Burnett in 1971 following her husband's death. A resident of Sarasota, she is a member of the Ohio University Foundation Board and a co-founder of Ohio University's Suncoast Alumni Chapter in Florida. She was awarded the OU Foundation's highest honor, the John C. Baker Founder's Award, in 1996.



Oak Hills school officials Darren Jenkins (left) and William Haines with Leona Hughes at a ceremony Feb. 12

A former member of the National Alumni Board, Hughes established the Hughes Endowed Chair in Nursing Informatics at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in 1996.

Alum wants to seal Ohio's spot in aviation history

William Burnett, BEA '73, wants the world to know Ohio's place in aviation history. That's why he's pushing to add an icon of the Wright Brothers' biplane to the Great Seal of Ohio.

He's gotten the idea all the way to the Ohio Legislature. Bills sponsored by Sen. Charles Horn and Rep. Donald Mottley, both Republicans from Kettering, are in committee. If they survive hearings and votes at that level, both houses would decide on the measures this spring, aides to the two legislators say.

"My interest is in preserving the true historical facts about Ohio's aviation history," says Burnett, a mortgage loan officer who lives and works in his hometown of Dayton.

North Carolinians' license plates brag that they were "first in flight" because Ohio brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright made history

there in 1903 with the world's first manned airplane flight.

But Burnett points out that the brothers did all their

research and testing at Huffman Prairie, where Wright-Patterson Air Force Base now stands near Dayton. They only traveled to the coastal town of Kitty Hawk, N.C., for that first flight on the advice of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Burnett says the timing of his push fits right in with the 200th anniversary of Ohio winning statehood in 1803 and the 100th anniversary of the Wrights' first flight in 1903. Burnett says a couple of precedents may help his proposal succeed.

First, in a move that angered plenty of folks in North Carolina, the Ohio General Assembly voted in 1996 to change the slogan on the state's license plates to "Birthplace of aviation." And secondly, Ohio's state seal already has been modified four times since it was adopted in 1812, Burnett says. Changes have included adding a canal boat in 1861 and removing it in 1901, and reducing the number of rays on the rising sun from 17 (Ohio was the 17th state in the Union) to 13 (for the original 13 colonies).

— Mary Alice Casey



William Burnett with modified Ohio seal
Photo Skip Peterson, Dayton Daily News

Cultural riches are reward enough

For the next two years, Kristina Monroe, AB '97, will live below the U.S. poverty level in the most modest of housing. And she's looking forward to it.

What many recent graduates might view as a hardship, Monroe has been dreaming about since her freshman year at Ohio University. That's when she heard firsthand about the adventures and challenges some 6,500 Peace Corps volunteers face every day in 90 countries around the globe.

Monroe's little corner of the world until April 2000 is a small village in South Africa, where she'll work with primary school teachers to improve their English instruction. Monroe, 23, and the 40 others in her group departed Jan. 19 and are assigned to different villages throughout the country's Northern Province.

They make up only the second wave of Peace Corps volunteers ever stationed in South Africa. The agency's work there began last year and followed a request by President Nelson Mandela for help with the post-apartheid social and

economic challenges his country faced.

After three months of technical, language and cultural training, Monroe and the others will be expected to find housing in their villages.

"If anything, that's what I'm nervous about," says Monroe, of the Cincinnati suburb of West Chester. She will

earn a stipend for food and housing equal to the wages of the average worker in her village. She also is expected to initiate a local project — such as starting a sports team, library or community garden — after assessing what villagers need most.

Monroe says the education and experiences she gained at Ohio University laid a good foundation for her work with the Peace Corps. An international studies major, she tutored two students — one from Korea and another from Japan — through the Ohio Program of Intensive English.



Kristina Monroe poses with Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalyn, in Atlanta the night before she left for her assignment in South Africa in January.

She also had a Japanese roommate in Bryan Hall and studied in Salzburg, Austria, for a quarter. She took four years of French classes and two years of German.

Monroe joins more than 500 OU students, faculty and staff who have served as Peace Corps volunteers since the 1960s. She hopes to pursue a master's degree in geography at the university when she returns to America and eventually find work in a field such as computer mapping.

— Mary Alice Casey

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30 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIPS ARE TIE THAT BINDS OU BROTHERS

By Corinne Colbert

Often the fastest friendships are forged in the heat of struggle. For many Ohio University alumni, the struggle to pass courses or simply grow up is enough to cement the ties. But for one group of alums, the struggle was against racism and indifference — and it has created among them a bond that has lasted nearly four decades.

They call themselves the OU Brothers — 22 African-American men, most of whom attended Ohio University during the 1960s. Theirs were among the few black faces on campus at a time when the university's black student population numbered in the low three digits. Most were members of Omega Psi Phi or Alpha Phi Alpha, the two black fraternities, and have ties to the Cleveland area. Most came from working-class backgrounds and were the first in their families to attend college.

Seldom has a group of young men faced such high — and low — expectations at once.

"At that time, we were the first generation to attend college and the first generation to be received in industry," says Huey Ball, BS'67, among 14 OU Brothers who earned degrees from Ohio University. "We were in uncharted waters."

Ball and other members of the group say they carried the high hopes of their families and friends, but faced a campus and community that was, at best, indifferent to their presence.

Although overt racial bias was rare, the OU Brothers found subtle reminders of their plight. Finding off-campus housing was difficult because landlords didn't want to rent to blacks. The local barber shops didn't know how to cut the hair of African Americans, or simply didn't want to know. And neither the Uptown Athens bar scene nor university-sponsored events appealed to them.

"We knew we were in the minority, so we had to be careful," says Leon Hogg, AB '68. "We knew some people were OK, but we also knew we were in Southeastern Ohio."

"There was no support on campus — zip, zilch, nothing," recalls Elmore "Mo" Banton, Ohio University's longtime track and cross country coach who attended OU with many in the group before being drafted into the Vietnam War in 1966. "There were no organizations, nobody to talk to."

Instead, black students created "a university within the university," Hogg says. They founded their own fraternities and societies, hung out at the Bunch of Grapes Room in Baker Center, and formed their own informational network.

"The interdependence we thrived on was what built the camaraderie between us," says Richard Jenkins, BS'60.

Their friendship steered them through college and such difficult times as the deaths of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Hogg and Ball eventually became campus activists who met with university President Vernon Alden to address black students' concerns.

While it's not unusual for college students to form lifelong friendships, this group is special because its members have formalized their relationship. They really are the OU Brothers — more specifically, OU Brothers and Associates, an



Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Dexter Bailey (seated far left in front row) joins OU Brothers at their meeting in Cleveland in August.

incorporated investment club for African-American men.

A core group of 22 individuals has invested money in the pool, and a total of 45 "associates" normally attend an annual meeting.

All of the Brothers with OU connections either attended or graduated from the university in the 1960s and early '70s.

The OU Brothers formalized in 1978 when Hogg decided to organize a reunion of college buddies. "The response was phenomenal — 50 guys showed up," he says. "We had so much fun, we decided to do it again the next year."

The reunion turned into an annual party, one that's been held each year since at sites across the country, including Alaska, Florida, San Diego, Washington, D.C., and Cleveland. The annual get-together is part social gathering, part business meeting.

The group gathers another six to eight times a year, mostly for business meetings, and a five-person investment committee meets nearly monthly. Many are expected to return to the Athens campus June 4-7 for the university's Black Alumni Reunion (see related story on page 14).

In the early 1980s, the group pooled its money — about \$200 apiece at first, says Louis Overstreet, BS '66 — and bought a certificate of deposit. To help ensure success, they joined the National Association of Investment Clubs and learned how to make their money grow. All dividends go back into the pool. An investment of \$1,200 annually now is required to remain active with the group.

Today, the group's principal holdings are mutual funds and stocks in eight organizations, says Wilton Savage, BSME '64. Neither Savage nor other OU Brothers contacted wanted to discuss the group's net worth.

"It's not the kind of thing where we sit there daily and pull out the stock report to see how we're doing," Overstreet says. "But it has enough value that we pay attention to it."

In the late 1980s, the group hired Hogg, a Cleveland developer, to build a resort home for the exclusive use of group members in North Carolina. Today, the OU Brothers call a four-bedroom house in a golfing community in New Bern, N.C., their

home away from home. The site is about a half-hour drive from the Cape Hatteras National Seashore and the Atlantic Ocean.

Any financial success of the OU Brothers shouldn't be surprising. Most are successful in their careers: Hogg is president of the Cleveland development firm Hallmark Management Associates and president of the Black Economic Union of Ohio, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing affordable, multifamily housing in the Cleveland

THE OU BROTHERS

NAME

Huey Ball, BS'67

Alan Bogan, BS'67

*Kenneth Carey

*Vernon Cornelison

Robert Deiz, BSIT '68

Leon Hogg, AB '68

Dr. James Houston, BS '66

Richard Jenkins, BS'67

Irwin Jones, BBA '73

Edwin Kelly, BSE '70

Ranaldo Lawson, BS'65

Robert Mitchell, BBA '72

Louis Overstreet, BSCE '67

Jerry Rhodes, BBA '69

*Rodger Saffold

*Ditts Sandich

Wilton Savage, BSME '64

Glenn Stringer, BSIT '67

OCCUPATION

Account representative, 3M Corp., Ypsilanti, Mich.

Faculty member/assistant football coach, Florida A&M District manager in pharmaceutical sales, Cleveland

Regional sales manager, 3M Corp., Cincinnati

Automotive engineer, Detroit

President, Hallmark Management Associates, Cleveland

Dentist in Cleveland Heights

Human resources director, East Cleveland City Schools

Deputy sheriff, Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office

Attorney in Cleveland

Faculty member, North Carolina Central University

Accountant rep. for 3M Corp., Rochester, N.Y.

Engineering contractor, Las Vegas

Financial consultant, National City Corp., Cleveland

Certified public accountant, Cleveland

Owner of S&B Floor Covering, Ashtabula/Eucled

Former CEO, Personal Physician Care, Cleveland

Manager of world assessment, Praxair Inc., Cleveland

* Indicates individual attended OU but did not graduate. Some graduated from other schools. List includes 18 of 22 OU Brothers members who attended Ohio University

area; Ball is an account representative for 3M Corp. in Ypsilanti, Mich. Jenkins is director of human resources for East Cleveland City Schools.

Overstreet is a civil engineer who has worked on projects as diverse as the Alaskan Pipeline and Chicago's McCormack Place convention center, and he authored a book on the history of African Americans in Alaska. Savage is a Harvard MBA and former CEO of Personal Physician Care in Cleveland.

The success of the OU Brothers shows a slice of African-American life that often isn't talked about, says Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Dexter Bailey, who visited with the group last summer.

"What these guys represent is a rarely seen side of black culture — a well-read, well-spoken black males who also may drive a BMW," Bailey says. "So often all you can read and hear about is what's wrong with black culture."

Members are aware of their uniqueness. "We're rare, as individuals and as a group," Ball acknowledges. "Of the 22 of us, we have a Harvard MBA, a CPA, an attorney, a dentist, sales rep, middle managers, educators. We love our families, who have been part of the strength that keeps us together. African Americans like us do exist."

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Black Alumni Reunion set for June 5-7 on Athens campus

Panel discussions, a banquet, music and a student variety show will be part of the Black Alumni Reunion at Ohio University June 5-7. "Holding on to Our Heritage, Building for the Future" is the theme of the event sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations.

The reunion, which will include both African-American and Latino/Hispanic alumni, will take place on the 170th anniversary of the graduation of John Newton Templeton, the university's first African-American graduate, in 1828.

The 1995 Black Alumni Reunion attracted 500 participants, the largest turnout for an alumni reunion on the Athens campus.

Board of Trustees member Patricia Ackerman, BA '66, will serve as keynote speaker at the reunion banquet on Saturday, June 6. Ackerman is executive director of curriculum and instruction for Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools and a member of the Greater Cleveland Black Alumni Chapter of the Alumni Association.

"Minority Issues in the New Millennium," a panel discussion featuring some of Ohio University's leading graduates in education, media and entertainment, will begin Saturday's events at 1:30 p.m. It will be followed by a student variety program, a reception hosted by President Robert Glidden and his wife, Rene, and an evening of live music at Zachary's in Uptown Athens.

A 10 a.m. concert on Sunday by the local Gospel Voices of Faith will precede a religious celebration along the Hocking River.

Registration for the reunion begins at 4 p.m. Friday, June 5, and a soul-food cookout will take place along the riverbanks at 6 p.m.

Registration forms were expected to be mailed to alumni in March and the registration deadline for the reunion is April 27. Those attending need to make their own overnight accommodations by calling the Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 878-9767, Ohio University Inn at (740) 593-6661, AmeriHost Inn at (740) 594-3000; or Days Inn at (740) 592-4000. Ask for rooms reserved by the Alumni Relations Office for Black Alumni Reunion participants.

Alumni can stay up to date on reunion details by checking the alumni Web page at www.ohio.edu/alum/reunion.html.

Comella, Sultz named winners of Ping Recent Graduate Award

Kate Ann Wright Comella, BSEC '92, and Christopher Sultz, BBA '87, are the recipients of the 1997-98 Ping Recent Graduate Award from the Ohio University Alumni Association. The award recognizes graduates of the past 15 years who have shown active interest in the university and/or how an Ohio University education has been a factor in their career development.

The award is named for President Emeritus Charles J. Ping and his wife, Clare. Ping was president of Ohio University from 1975 to 1994 and is executive director of the university's Cutler Scholars Program.

With background in early childhood development and psychology from Ohio University, Comella studied Montessori teacher education at the Columbia Montessori Center and went on to establish the Peaceful Children Montessori School in Kirtland in Northeastern Ohio in 1996. Comella remains an administrator and teacher at the school.

Montessori teaching is based on the belief that young children learn best in an environment that supports individual development and a personalized pace of learning.

An active member of the Ohio University Women's Club of Cleveland since her graduation, Comella has served as a program chair and currently is co-chair of the club's Ways and Means Committee. She organizes activities for the Siblings'



More than 1,100 siblings of Ohio University students traveled to Athens Feb. 13-15 via chartered, chaperoned buses for the annual Siblings' Weekend activities. Siblings came by bus from eight cities. Trips are sponsored by alumni chapters as scholarship fundraisers. Here, junior Gina D'Achille greets brother Gabe from Pittsburgh.

Photo: Bruce Bennett

Weekend trip to Athens each year, including coordinating 14 buses of more than 600 siblings.

Sultz, who graduated summa cum laude from Ohio University and earned an MBA from the University of Michigan, is senior vice president of industrial operations for Prime Group Realty Trust in Chicago, a real estate investment trust with 10 million square feet of office and industrial property holdings.

Sultz is treasurer of the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Alumni Association. He established an endowed scholarship with the Honors Tutorial College and is a regular speaker at the College of Business' annual Career Day. He also has served on the Honors Tutorial College Board of Visitors.

Summer camp scholarships offered for children of alumni

The Alumni Association again is offering two scholarships for children of alumni to attend sports camps this summer on the Athens campus. Scholarships are available for children ages 8 through 17. This is the 12th year for the summer sports scholarship program.

Applicants must have at least one parent who is an Ohio University graduate and no scholarships will be awarded to children who have earned a varsity athletic letter in the ninth grade or beyond.

Applicants must submit a 100-word essay they have written and a letter of application that includes their name, age, address, school, and parent's name and year of graduation from Ohio University.

The scholarship application deadline is May 29 and scholarship winners will be notified by the Alumni Association by June 5. Submit applications to Summer Camp Scholarships, Ohio University Alumni Association, P.O. Box 428, Athens, Ohio 45701-0428, or fax (740) 593-4110.

Two summer scholarships available for recent graduates

Two summer scholarships covering 18 hours of credit are available for recent Ohio University graduates who earned a degree before 1994 and are interested in continuing their education.

The scholarships, sponsored by the Alumni Association, are for summer 1998 course work on the Athens campus or any of the five regional campuses. The scholarships do not include a membership fee to the Ping Student Recreation Center.

The scholarship application deadline is May 29.

For an application, write Summer Scholars, Kromer Alumni Center, P.O. Box 428, Athens, Ohio 45701-0428; phone (740) 593-4300; or e-mail Susan Hopkins at shopkins@ohio.edu. Ohio University's two summer sessions run from June 15 to July 17 and July 20 to Aug. 21.

Dialing new 740 area code becomes mandatory on June 6

It's time to think 7-4-0 — at least when calling Athens and Ohio University and its regional campuses.

The area's new area code becomes mandatory June 6. Until then, callers can use either the traditional 614 area code or 740, although Ohio University officials have urged callers to use the new area code immediately so that the transition is a smooth one.

The new area code went into effect Dec. 6 for Central and Southeastern Ohio. Only Columbus and Franklin County and small portions of some bordering counties will

remain with the 614 area code after early June.

Callers who experience problems using the new area code should contact their own phone company.

Geisler, Maher and Meyer join Bobcat Athletic Hall of Fame

The Ohio University Athletic Hall of Fame has grown by three with the addition of Mark Geisler, BSISE '80; Jane Maher, BSPE '84; and Tracy Meyer, BSPT '91. The trio was inducted into the hall during a banquet Feb. 6 on the Athens campus.

Geisler was a tight end on the football team from 1976 to 1979 and finished his career second on the school career receptions list and fourth in career receiving yards. He was a first-team All-Mid-American Conference (MAC) selection and an academic All-American, both in 1979.

A four-time Academic All-MAC selection, he graduated magna cum laude in the College of Engineering and Technology. He currently is a customer systems consultant for Sybase Inc., a computer software company in Charlotte, N.C.

Maher lettered four years in field hockey and was a three-year letter winner in lacrosse before Ohio University dropped the sport in 1982. She led the field hockey team to MAC titles in 1981 and 1982 and won the Team Player Award her final three seasons.

Maher led the nation in scoring in lacrosse in 1981 and was selected a regional All-American her last three seasons. She is director of girls athletics and physical education and coaches field hockey, lacrosse and girls basketball at Portledge School, a private prep school in Locust Valley, N.Y.

Meyer was the Bobcats' first female cross country runner to earn All-MAC honors for four years (1986-89), and she led the cross country team to three consecutive MAC championships (1988-89). Meyer won the MAC at 10,000 meters in 1988 and set a school record at 5,000 meters (16 minutes, 52.1 seconds) in 1989.

An All-MAC academic selection for three years, she runs her own physical therapy practice in Jupiter, Fla.



Kate Comella, BSEC '92



Christopher Sultz, BBA '87

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Trips to Italy, Ireland and East Coast on travel itinerary

The Ohio University Alumni Association is sponsoring the following trips for alumni and friends over the next few months:

■ An eight-day journey to Tuscany, Italy, June 23-July 1. Visitors will wander through the verdant countryside, sample fine Chianti wines, marvel at stunning works of art and magnificent architecture, and enjoy several walking tours. The trip will include stops at several other cities, including dynamic Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance.

■ An Alumni Campus Abroad Program trip to Ireland, Aug. 12-20. The beauty and mystery of the Emerald Isle are yours to discover in historic County Clare and its vibrant capital, Ennis. You'll also visit the timeless Aran Islands, where the ancient language and traditions of Ireland have been preserved for centuries.

■ An Inn to Inn Bicycle Trip in the Dartmouth/Kezar Lake Region along the Vermont and New Hampshire border, Sept. 20-25. This five-day, midweek tour begins at Alden Country Inn in Lyme, N.H. The trip will feature group cycling at your own pace, lodging at wonderful country inns, hearty breakfasts and dinners daily, a support van to carry luggage, and bike repair supplies. The trip will take cyclists by beautiful lakes and old river towns, include miles of easy pedaling along the Connecticut River, and stop at the campus of Dartmouth College in Hanover.

For additional information on these travel opportunities, write or call Judith Johnson, assistant director of alumni relations, at Alumni Travel, Konneker Alumni Center, P.O. Box 428, Athens, Ohio 45701-0428; phone (740) 593-4300; e-mail jjohnson@ohiou.edu; or fax (740) 593-4310.

Baumholtz, only Bobcat athlete with retired number, dies at 78

The Ohio University community was saddened to learn of the passing in December of one of its most famous athletes. Frank C. Baumholtz, BSED '41, considered by most as the campus' most-accomplished two-sport athlete and the only Ohio University athlete to have a number retired, died Dec. 14 in Oviendo, Fla. He was 78.

Baumholtz' No. 54 jersey hangs from the rafters of the Convocation Center. It was retired on Feb. 4, 1995, which was declared "Frank Baumholtz Day" in the city of Athens and on campus.

Baumholtz was a first-team All-American in basketball his senior year, leading the Bobcats to the finals of the National Invitation Tournament, the most prestigious tournament in the country at the time. He was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Baumholtz played nine seasons of Major League Baseball with the Cincinnati Reds, Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies. As a Cub in 1952, he hit .325, second only to Stan Musial in the National League. Before retiring in 1957, he finished his big league career with 1,010 hits and a lifetime batting average of .291.

While with the Reds, he also played two seasons of professional basketball with the Youngstown Bears of the National Basketball League and the Cleveland Rebels of the Basketball Association of America.

In 1965, Baumholtz was among eight former standouts who became the inaugural class of the Bobcat Athletic Hall of Fame. In 1979, he was appointed to the university's Board of Trustees, which he served on for 11 years, and he was honored as *Alumnus of the Year* in 1988. He was an emeritus member of the Ohio University Foundation Board.

Baumholtz retired as vice president of merchandising for Marquardt Brothers Inc. of Cleveland. He was preceded in death in 1980 by his wife, Bettie Bell Baumholtz, whom he met at OU. He is survived by three children, Frank, BS '68; Bettie, BSED '74; and Karen, BSED '77.

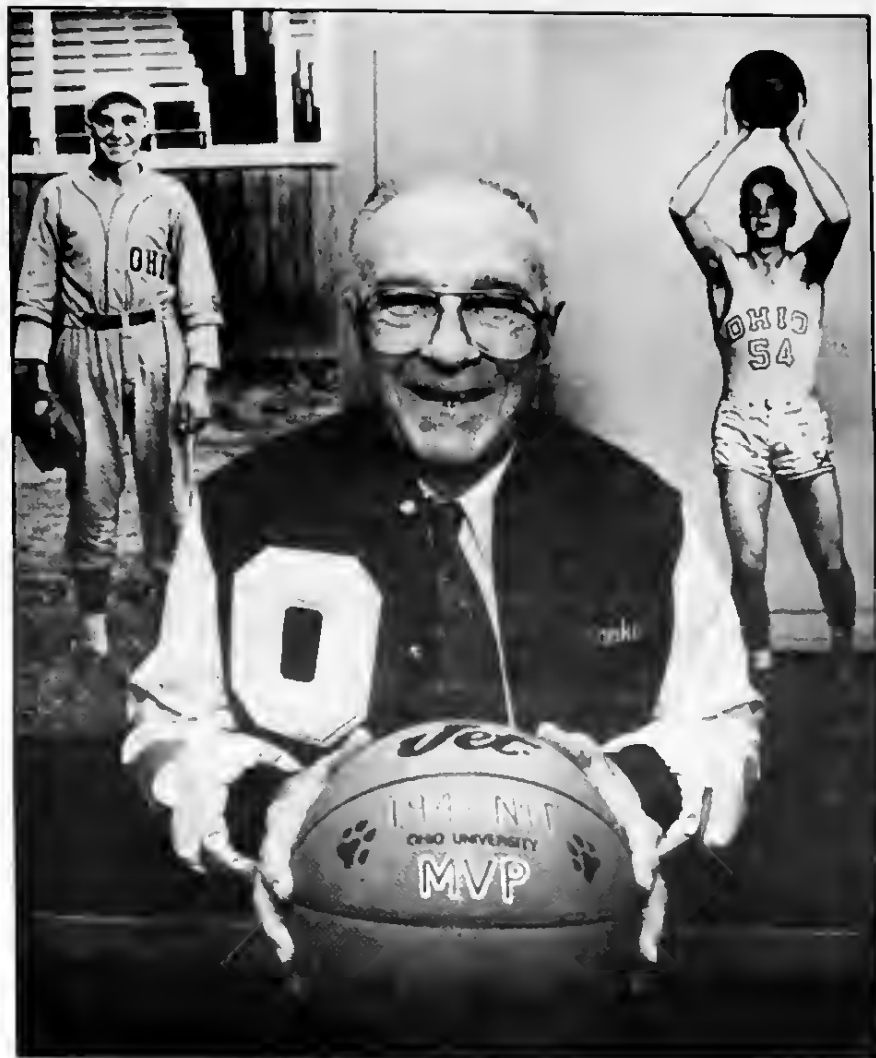
The Board of Trustees approved naming the VIP seating section and lounge of the new Bob Wren Stadium The Baumholtz Club in early February. A memorial service for Baumholtz was held in Galbreath Chapel on campus Feb. 13.

Marching 110 high-stepping with second CD release

The Marching 110 has released its second CD in three years, and it may be just what the doctor ordered if you're looking to revive some of that ol' school spirit.

"Thirty Years and Still Kickin' up Dust..." features 30 selections, including "Stand Up and Cheer," vocal-only and instrumental versions of "Alma Mater, Ohio," and other band favorites such as "Long Train Runnin'" by the Doobie Brothers and "Light Up" by Styx.

The Marching 110, which actually includes 158 band members, is nationally known for its synchronized dance routines, unique marching style and spirited sound. Ricky Suk is director of the Marching 110. Dave Palmer, part-owner and president of Athens radio stations WATH-AM and WXTQ-FM, was executive producer of the CD, and Assistant Professor of Telecommunications Jeff Redefer was producer and engineer.



Frank Baumholtz, BSED '41, 1919-1997

File photo

The Marching 110 CDs, priced at \$12 plus \$2 for shipping and handling, are available by sending a check for \$14 to Ohio University Marching Band CD, 497D Music Building, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701. Checks should be made payable to the Ohio University Marching Band.

Rev. Jesse Jackson to keynote 30th Communication Week

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson will keynote the 30th annual Communication Week April 27-May 1 on the Athens campus. Jackson's speech will take place at 7 p.m. April 27 in Grover Center.

Jackson's presentation, which is free and open to the public, will center on the theme of Communication Week, "Communication and Democracy." Jackson, a two-time candidate for president, is founder and president of the National Rainbow Coalition. The coalition describes itself as a "national social justice organization devoted to empowerment, education and mobilization."

As in past years, each of the College of Communication's five schools will sponsor a day of activities during Communication Week. The lineup includes the School of Visual Communication, April 27; School of Communication Systems Management, April 28; School of Telecommunications and Telecommunications Center, April 29; E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, April 30; and School of Interpersonal Communication, May 1.

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ILLINOIS
Chicago
April 6: Alumni reception at *Chicago Tribune* for retiring Scripps School of Journalism Director Ralph Izard, 6-8 p.m.
Contact: Dexter Bailey, (740) 593-4300

MASSACHUSETTS
Chatham
June 26-28: Monomy Theatre Weekend with special guests from Ohio University
Contact: Bob Rings, (617) 643-6497

MISSOURI
St. Louis
May 2: "Spring Into Action" dinner at the home of Will and Ann Lee Konneker
Contact: The Konnekers, (314) 567-0912

OHIO
Athens campus
April 4: Prospective Student Visitation Day, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Contact: Tim Kirkpatrick, (740) 593-4121

April 17: College of Education Society of Alumni & Friends Spring Conference
Contact: Valaria McCabe, (740) 593-4433

April 23-25: National Alumni Board spring meeting
Contact: Susan Hopkins, (740) 593-4300

April 27-May 1: 30th Annual Communication Week. Rev. Jesse Jackson delivers keynote address at 7 p.m. April 27 in Grover Center
Contact: Dean Schnurr, (740) 593-0030

May 8-10: Student Alumni Board Alumni Reunion
Contact: Carrie Stapinski, (740) 597-4026

May 14-17: Honors Tutorial College Board of Visitors meeting and college reunion.
Contact: Ann Brown, (740) 593-2725

May 15-16: College of Business Society of Alumni & Friends Spring Conference
Contact: Angela Anderson, (740) 593-2009

May 30: School of Music Society of Alumni & Friends meeting and honors assembly
Contact: Margene Stewart, (740) 593-1634

June 5-7: Black Alumni Reunion on campus (see story on page 14)
Contact: Dexter Bailey, (740) 593-4300

Columbus
April 16: Central Ohio Chapter community service project at Ronald McDonald House
Contact: Julie Dinan, (614) 891-5846

May T8A: Central Ohio Chapter spring dinner with special guest Jim Grobe, Bobcat head football coach
Contact: Julie Dinan, (614) 891-5846

Cleveland
April 18: Women's Club of Greater Cleveland's Citywide Spring Luncheon at Swingos on the Lake
Contact: Linda Ong Weaver, (216) 291-4295

May 1: Greater Cleveland Chapter reception for President Robert Glidden at the Cleveland Play House
Contact: Dexter Bailey, (740) 593-4300

May 2: Women's Club of Greater Cleveland (SE Section) service program at Cleveland Food Bank
Contact: Linda Ong Weaver, (216) 291-4295

VIRGINIA
Richmond
April 3: Reception with President Robert Glidden at University of Richmond's Jepson Alumni Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Contact: Pam Vander Ark, (740) 593-4300

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Constituent society news: Music board meets May 30

The **School of Music Society of Alumni of Friends Board of Directors** will hold its spring meeting on the Athens campus on May 30 and visit Galbreath Chapel to view the newly installed Bedient organ.

Margene Stewart, MFA '66, executive secretary of the board and associate professor of piano, will receive a Distinguished Service Award from the National Alumni Association. Gary Platt, BMUS '76, recipient of the 1988 Achievement in Music Award, and John Venesile, BFA '58, recipient of the 1998 Service Award, will be honored at the school's annual Honors Assembly that night.

Alumni are reminded that deadlines to nominate Society Board of Directors members and alumni award winners are May 1 and Oct. 1, respectively. They should be sent to Executive Secretary, Society of Alumni and Friends, School of Music, Athens, Ohio 45701.

The **Honors Tutorial College Board of Visitors** will meet May 14-15 and attend an All-College Reunion on the Athens campus May 15-17. Planned events include an opening reception, alumni seminars, a banquet at the Kennedy Museum of Art at The Ridges with artists-in-residence the Lark Quartet, and an alumni-tutor brunch.

The **College of Communication Society of Alumni and Friends** held its biannual meeting on campus Feb. 5-6. Members were introduced to new administrators and staff members, including Carolyn Bailey Lewis, director of the newly added Telecommunications Center. Discussion also centered on plans for the 30th annual Communication Week April 27-May 1.

The **Sports Administration and Facility Management Program Society of Alumni and Friends** invites graduates to the program's 26th annual symposium in Athens April 24-25. Tim Joyce, BBA '78, MSA '79, and Elliott Hill, MSA '88, both graduates of the program who have gone on to successful careers with NIKE, will be guest speakers. Joyce, NIKE's vice president for global sales, will be honored at the Saturday awards dinner as the 1998 distinguished alumnus.



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William Click, MS '59



Thomas Wakeman, BSME '68



Taylor L. Deterich, AB '69



Donald Kinkade, BGS '72, MBA '75



Susan Wolken, BSED '73



Jeffrey S. Brickman, BSJ '74

1940s

Paul Bennett, AB '42, poet-in-residence at Denton University in Granville since 1986, has written the book *Appalachian Merle*, published by Savage Press. The 104-page book is a prose-poem account of Bennett's life, including his experiences growing up in a large Ohio family, his depictions of poverty in the 1930s in Ohio and his stay at World War II.

1950s

Dello J. Perez, BSCE '54, a vice president/associate of Benveniste, Hook and Associates, an engineering consulting firm in Miami, Fla.

Sally Hallor Gray, AB '55, retired as judge of Putnam County (Ind.) Superior Court after three terms. A senior judge in Indiana, she serves on the Jury Reform Committee of the Indiana State Bar Association and the Judges' Assistance Team of the Indiana Supreme Court. Her husband, **Ralph Gray, BSCEM '56**, is professor emeritus at DePaul University in Greenfield, Ind.

Marjorie Girm, MFA '55, is a faculty member of the Humanities Department at the New School for Social Research and art history instructor for the Syracuse Adult Center, both in New York City. She also is director of the "Tuesday Evening Hour," an after-dinner side-show program featuring speakers who share professional or personal adventures.

Thomas Hartley, BSCEM '55, is chairman of the board of Intertec of Southwest Gas Corp., a natural gas provider serving customers in Arizona, Nevada and parts of California. Hartley also serves on the board of Rio Hotel and Casino and Sierra Services Inc. He lives in Las Vegas.

Thomas E. Kuby, BSJ '55, is listed in the first edition of *Who's Who in Media and Communication 1990-1999*. He owns Kuby & Associates, an international public relations management training and development consulting firm. He lives in Chagrin Falls.

William Claypool, BSCE '57, is director of the company and a board member for Republic Group Inc. of Hutchinson, Kan., a manufacturer of 100 percent recycled paperboard, recovered paper fiber and gypsum wall-board. He retired in June as corporate vice president and general manager paper division of Sonoco Products Co.

Justine Anderson Wittich, BSJ '57, recently had two books of fiction, *Counting Grays* and *Be Mine*, published by Avalon Books. She lives in Lancaster.

John Alter, BFA '58, was named the 1997 Fairfax County (Va.) Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. Alter, director of public relations for Boeing Co. in Washington, D.C., for the past 14 years, is now retired and living in the Florida Panhandle, where he manages a free farm and consults for a forestry Association.

William Click, MS '59, is president of the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication, which includes 34 schools, departments and colleges of journalism and mass communication. He is chair of the Department of Mass Communication at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., and was a faculty member of Ohio University's L.V. Scraps School of Journalism from 1960 to 1985.

Marglene Berenski Cardone, BSJ '59, is an assistant vice president for Lincoln National Corp. in Fort Wayne, Ind. She also is director of corporate communications for the company, where she has worked since 1981. Lincoln National is a financial services company with more than \$140 billion in assets managed and \$16 billion in annual revenues.

Michael Jackson, BSED '68, was one of 24 people inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in November. A retired Air Force officer and combat pilot, he is executive director of the National Aviation City of Fame. He lives in Tipp City.

1960s

Jane Logan, MSHEC '65, is director of the National Food Service Management Institute, founded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the University of Mississippi. The institute's goal is to ensure that all schoolchildren have access to a variety of healthy, appealing and acceptable food choices.

Henry Jo Zorman, BS '65, was awarded a \$25,000 Chairman's Award of Excellence from Air Products and Chemicals Inc. of Allentown, Pa. He has helped the company establish market programs for water-based and water-soluble products used in paints, adhesives and non-woven materials.

Jay Black, MS '66, is the Plymter Junior Chair in Media Ethics and Press Policy at the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg and a professor in the School of Mass Communications. He was one of two 1997 national Freedom Forum Journalism Teachers of the Year.

William Grealis, AB '67, was elected chairman of the board and president of the Ohio Electric Utility Institute, which represents the investor-owned electric companies in Ohio. Grealis is president of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., president of Energy Investments and vice president of corporate development and strategic planning for Cenergy Corp., CIG's parent company.

Sharon A. Siverts, BSHEC '67, MSHEC '70, in January was appointed vice chancellor of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Born in Wisconsin, she lives in Milwaukee.

Barbara Glensk Good, AB '68, MS '75, is president-elect of the American Medical Writers Association, a group of more than 4,000 medical writers and editors. She becomes president in November. Good is scientific writer at Allegheny Cancer Center at Allegheny University of the Health Sciences, Pittsburgh.

Michael Jackson, BSED '68, was one of 24 people inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in November. A retired Air Force officer and combat pilot, he is executive director of the National Aviation City of Fame. He lives in Tipp City.

Thomas Wakeman, BSME '68, is manager of the new Sigma Reliability organization at the General Electric Research and Development Center. Wakeman leads GF's initiative to reduce defects in GE's power processes and transactions. He lives in Clifton Park, N.Y.

Joan Corderman, MA '69, has been certified as an elder law attorney by the National Elderlaw Foundation, the only organization approved by the American Bar Association to certify elder law attorneys in the field of elder law. She lives in Cheshire, Mo.

Taylor L. Deterich, AB '69, is retired from the U.S. Air Force after nearly 25 years of service as a lieutenant colonel. Among his honors are three Meritorious Service Medals, five Air Force Commendation Medals and the Joint Service Achievement Medal. He works for The Analytical Scientific Corp. as a civilian military contractor at Tinker Air Force Base near Oklahoma City. He lives in Harrah, Okla.

Alex Garcia, BBA '69, is the new president and chief operating officer of Colkor Manufacturing Inc., a precision components company. He lives in Flushing.

Keith Houk, BBA '69, was named president and chief executive officer of Allegheny Airlines, a Middletown, Pa., subsidiary of US Airways Group Inc. Houk has worked in the airline industry for 25 years.

Robert J. King, BBA '69, MBA '75, is president and chief executive officer of Fifth Third Bank of North-eastern Ohio, headquartered in Cleveland. He had held the same position with Fifth Third Bank of Northwestern Ohio in Toledo since 1990.

Edward Koske, BSED '69, was selected in October as the Washington Science Teachers Association Region IX Science Teacher of the Year for the secondary level for 1996-97. Koske teaches integrated science, upland environments and physics at North Mason High School in Bedford, Wash., where he also is the department chair.

Jonathan May, BSJSE '69, is president and chief operating officer of Talatch International, a division of Lates Foam Products, in Ansonia, Conn. Lates Foam Products is the sole manufacturer of latex mattresses in the Western Hemisphere and the world's largest maker of latex foam pillows.

Arthur Steller, BS '69, MA '70, PhD '73, was elected to the board of directors of the North American Chapter of the World Council for Curriculum and Instruction. Steller gave a presentation at the organization's recent conference titled "Leadership for Educational Excellence in the Next Century." He is superintendent of the Kingston, N.Y., School District.

John Zimmerman, BBA '69, is vice president and chief financial officer of SVISION Corp., a developer of technology for video and graphic display applications. Zimmerman has held senior positions at Intel Corp. and General Electric.

1970s

Daniel Carp, BBA '70, was elected to the board of directors of Dallas-based Texas Instruments Inc. He is president and chief operating officer of Eastman Kodak Co., where he has worked since 1970. Carp lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Joe Hallett, BSJ '71, is politics writer for *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland. Hallett had worked in the newspaper's Columbus bureau since 1960, and previously covered Ohio Statehouse news for *The Blade* in Toledo for 11 years.

Donald Kinkade, BGS '72, MBA '75, is president and chief executive officer of Fifth Third Bank of North-western Ohio in Toledo.

Fran Schwartz, '72, was named manager of public relations for the "Nightly Business Report," which is seen by more than 1 million households on public television stations around the country.

Donald F. Barkman, MBA '73, is founder and president of The Business Center, which provides consulting and training in human resources and organizational development for businesses. His *Big Win* Universal program teaches business principles at all levels of employees in any size firm. Barkman lives in Knoxville, Tenn.

John D. Myslenki, BSJ '73, president of Parker Hannifin Foundation Corporation, provided the 1997 Outstanding Industrial Technologist Award by the National Association of Industrial Technology. He lives in Highland Heights.

Susan Ackerman Wolken, BSED '73, is senior vice president of life company operations for Nationwide Financial Services Inc. in Columbus. Wolken joined Nationwide in 1974.

Jeffrey S. Brickman, BSJ '74, national sales director for AK Media/Amorati, introduced Digital Dioramas at the recent opening of National Airport's main terminal in Washington, D.C. The first all-digital video network reaching a mass audience, it is controlled and monitored through the Internet using the HDTV wide-screen on-entertainment format. AK Media/Amorati has advertising displays on more than 50 airports. He lives in Atlanta.

Carl Chaplin, BSC '74, is the in-court reporter for nationally televised "The People's Court." He has more than 20 years of broadcast experience, including as a host for shows on Home Box Office, ESPN and New York Sports Illustrated.

Martha DeJaco, AB '74, is a groupware technical supervisor for Brown-Forman Corp. of Louisville, Ky. The company produces and markets consumer products, including Jack Daniel's Whiskies.

Dr. Michael E. Gallagher, BS '75, is president of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society for 1997-98. Gallagher previously served as vice president, treasurer and secretary for the society. A resident of Westlake, he practices dentistry with West Park Dental Associates Inc.

Marc L. Sternberger, BSC '75, received a Consolidated Natural Gas Co. Volunteer in the Arts award, presented to people who demonstrate commitment to arts organizations in Pittsburgh. He helped found ProArts, which provides administrative support to artists and business volunteers for Arts Pittsburgh.

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Dr. Michael E. Gallagher, BS '75

Terry Worthington, BSC '76, MED '78, is president of United Way of Central Florida in Highland City.

Kenneth B. Wilson, BBA '77, Hickory County auditor, recently earned the designation of assessment administration specialist from the International Association of Assessing Officers. The organization is devoted to accurate property valuation, property tax administration and tax policy.

Todd Baucher, BSC '78, a reporter and former news anchor at WTAP-TV in Parkersburg, W.Va., recently was recognized as the state's Associate of the Month for his coverage of the trial of an Ohio Highway Patrol trooper accused of murdering his wife. Baucher lives in Beljeur.

Deborah Nichols Canavagh, BFA '79, was promoted to associate publisher for marketing for *Men's Health* magazine in December. She lives in Westfield, N.J.

1980s

Michael W. Carroll, MSA '80, is executive director of the Rutgers University Foundation and vice president for development and alumni relations. He previously was associate vice president for university development for Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Elizabeth Grace Winkler, BA '81, MA '89, recently returned from Costa Rica, where she was conducting research for her doctoral dissertation. In January, she presented "Lama Creole: A Case of Contact-induced Language Change" at the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics meeting in New York City. Indiana University's Linguistics Club Publications has published her book, *A Kipile English Dictionary*.

Greg Bauer, BFA '82, was elected mayor of Portsmouth in November. He is a former Portsmouth city councilman, owner of Bauer Graphics, an advertising and design business, and president of Knott Printing Co.



Paul Stewart, BBA '88

Martin Lammon, MA '82, PhD '91, is the Fuller E. Callaway Endowed Flannery O'Connor Chair in Creative Writing at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville. His collection of poems, *News from Where I Live*, recently was selected for the Arkansas Poetry Award and the Pablo Neruda Prize in Poetry. Those poems were published in the fall 1999 words issue of *Naturalist* (University of Poets and Poetry), published by the University of Tulsa.

Melanie McMillan, BS '82, has joined Muncie & Hoke Advertising and Public Relations in Avon, Conn., as public relations account supervisor. She lives in Uminville, Conn.

Daniel Powers, BFA '82, a children's book author and illustrator, had his artwork featured in an exhibition of children's book art at the Museum of American Illustration in New York City. Powers' *From the Land of the White Birch*, a picture book of three Ojibwa legends, also was displayed. Four of Powers' works recently were acquired for the Mazza Collection at University of Florida. Powers lives in Tupper, N.M.

Gary Duffey, BSC '83, was hired as account director for LIMImpact, the advertising business unit of Lehman Miller Inc., a global medical marketing communications agency based in Boston. Duffey formerly was with Lowe Medical Healthcare in New York City.

Steve Ruston, BSC '83, is an anchor/reporter for CBS affiliate WBBM-AM and WCUTV-TV in Chicago. A reported investment adviser, he also hosts and produces his own financial radio talk show, "Your Money," broadcast in the Midwest.

George David Miller, MA '84, was named 1997 Illinois Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The award included a \$10,000 prize. Miller is associate professor of philosophy and director of the graduate philosophy program at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill.



Janet Lee Eichhoff, BSJ '92

John Mirth, BSME '84, is associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. His research activities involve mechanism design for mechanism design and compliant mechanism design.

Steven Renner, BFA '84, is in his second season as managing director of the Theater of Southern Indiana. He oversees the management of the New Harmony Theatre, a summer theater in New Harmony, Ind., and the Lincoln Amphitheater in Lincoln City, Ind.

Robert Joseph Chapman, BSC '85, is director of marketing for Professional Governmental Underwriters, based in Richmond, Va.

Carol Knighthead, MA '85, contributed a chapter to the fourth edition of *Children With Disabilities*, a bestselling reference book on living with disabilities. Knighthead authored a chapter titled "Hearing: Sound and Silence." She is director of audiologic at the Children's Hospital, a regional hospital for children with developmental disabilities and chronic illnesses in Philadelphia.

Kelly Franklin, MA '86, is the 1998-99 vice president for standards for the American Association of Interactive English Program. Franklin is responsible for collecting and assessing appraisals of the group's more than 200 member programs. He is director of the Center for English Language Learning at Maryville College in Maryville, Tenn.

Corinne Colbart, BSJ '87, MA '93, and her husband, Doug Pettit, AB '93, celebrated the birth of their son, Maxwell Douglas, on Nov. 4. The family lives in Amesville.

Susan Rosebrook, AA '87, is a showroom consultant for Ferguson Enterprise Inc. and a member of the American Society of Interior Designers. She lives in Bloomville, Ohio.



Yves Paquette, MFA '92

Matt Giannetto, BSC '88, is senior sales and accounts manager for Tivo Direct Corp., a direct video marketing and sales development company in Buffalo, N.Y. He also is treasurer of the new Upstart New York Chapter of the OLI Alumni Association.

Adam Green, BFA '88, a cartoonist, published *Adam Green's Book of Hollow Days*, a collection of cartoons poking fun at annual holiday celebrations. The book was published in November. Green lives in Chicago.

Paul Stewart, BBA '88, is chief financial officer of Gate way Investment Advisors in the Cincinnati area and treasurer of the four Gateway-managed mutual funds. Prior to joining Gateway in 1999, he was an audit manager with Price Waterhouse.

Curtis Novaria, BSJD '89, a Navy personnel officer and clinician, participated in the multinational Exercise Bright Star '99 while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the ship USS Guano. Novaria joined the Navy in July 1994.

Paul Rupert, BBA '89, is a manager in the tax department of Caura and Pansini Inc., a certified public accounting and business consulting firm in Beachwood.

1990s

Richard Bray, BS '90, MA '97, is assistant director of multicultural affairs at Albion College, a private liberal arts college in Albion, Mich.

James C. Malas, PhD '91, is among 40 people named in 1997 as a fellow of ASM International, the Materials Information Society. Malas was recognized for his contributions in materials science and engineering. He is a materials research engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

Patrice Schneider, BSJ '91, is a staff photographer at *The Charlotte Observer* in North Carolina. His wife, Lore Postman, BSJ '91, is a business reporter for *The Observer*. They previously worked as journalists in Indianapolis.



Katie Miller, BSC '94

Janet Lee Eichhoff, BSJ '92, is director of alumni affairs at Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, N.J. The college has 8,700 students from 90 countries involved in distance learning studies. Eichhoff lives in Pennington, N.J.

Ed George, BSC '92, was promoted to technical trainer for kinko's Inc. He is responsible for training all kinko's co-workers on high-end digital printing equipment, computers and new technologies in a 33-store chain covering Northern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.

Jeffrey Glaze, AB '92, is manager for consulting services at SchoolMatch, an educational consulting company based in Westerville. He joined SchoolMatch in 1993 as a research assistant.

John Maximuk, BS '92, is a city planner in Brantree, Mass., and currently is working on an MBA at North Carolina University in Boston. He plans to marry Lily Levis in September. The couple will live in Boston.

Yves Paquette, MFA '92, joined the faculty of Northern Illinois University in Naperville, Ill., as assistant professor of art in the fall of 1997. He has permanent art installations at Columbus and Chaffee.

Mitchell Simmons, BSME '92, MSME '93, is a captain in the U.S. Air Force and for three years worked as lead engineer-engineer structures for the F-16 Fighter Program at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. For his work on the F-16, Simmons was awarded an Air Force Achievement Medal and Commendation Medal.

Priscilla Wilkes, PhD '92, is principal of Triemont Elementary School in Upper Arlington in suburban Columbus. She worked for Lancaster City Schools for 20 years, most recently as director for instructional services. She was named to the late Raymond Wilkes, former dean of Ohio University's Lancaster campus.



Crystal Baker, BSS '97

Steven DiMauro, BBA '93, is executive director of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and Small Business Council and Columbus Interest Group. He formerly was Columbus regional coordinator of the chamber's Project BOSS.

William Fletcher, MED '93, is director of career and experiential education at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati. He oversees programs in career development, cooperative education, service learning, and credit for experiential learning.

Chris Wedge, BSSWS '93, MSA '94, is fieldhouse supervisor for the Walt Disney World Sports Complex near Orlando, Fla. The facility holds youth and adult sports competitions. He previously was assistant general manager for Wright State University's Nutter Center in Dayton.

Katie Miller, BSC '94, is public relations specialist for Lucille Kerdum Mountjoy, an advertising, marketing and public relations agency in Charlotte, N.C.

Eric Stewart, BSC '94, is assistant state director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the state's largest small business advocacy group. He lives in Upper Arlington.

Deborah Alkat, PhD '95, a media turner and assistant professor of journalism and mass communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was named the Stephen H. Colman Communications Professor of the Year by the International Radio and Television Society Foundation.

Christy Stroud Pennington, BSC '95, is alumni club coordinator at the University of Delaware in Newark. She is responsible for organizing the school's alumni chapters and recruiting volunteers. She lives in Wilmington, Del.

Crystal Baker, BSS '97, is an account assistant at Northall Stolley LeWitte, a Cincinnati advertising, direct marketing and public relations agency. She lives in Clifton.

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